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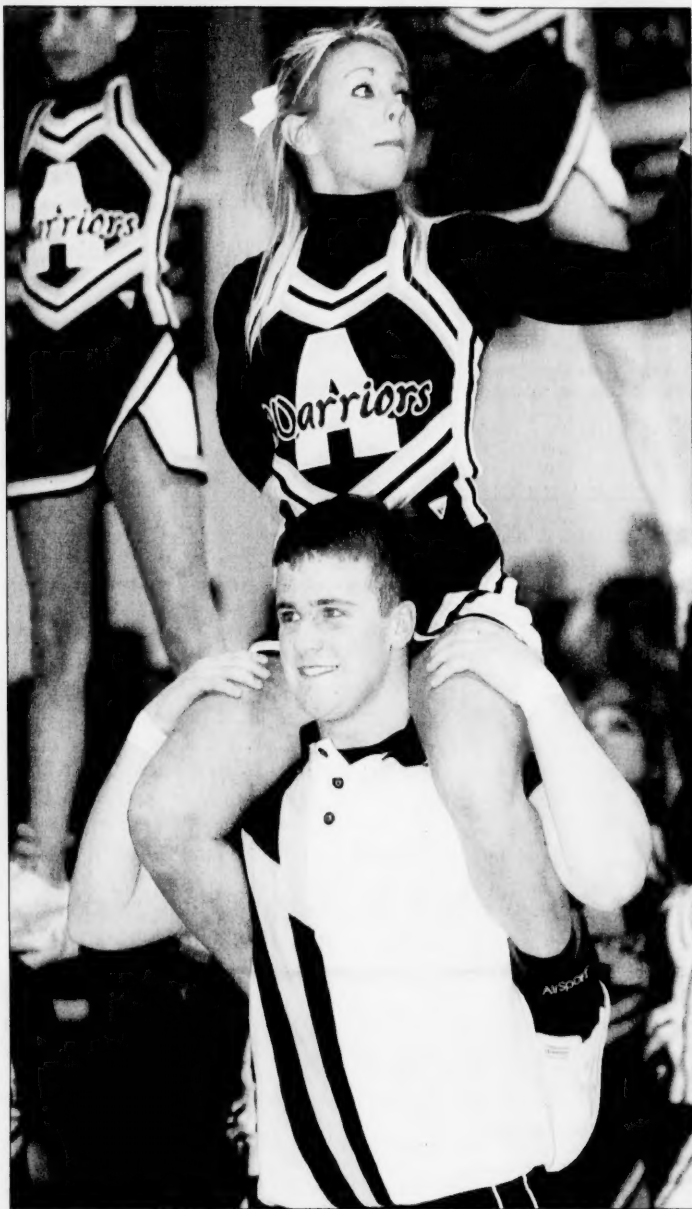
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## HE'S A FOOTBALL CAPTAIN - AND CHEERLEADER



Dan Vining ran through defenders during a 34-0 win at Methuen this fall (above). Now he runs through routines with the Andover High School cheerleading squad, including member Ashley Baldwin, on his shoulders in photo at right.



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

## SWAPPING PIGSKINS FOR POMPOMS

By Rita Savard

Dan Vining knows how to take a beating.

Since freshman year, the Andover High School junior has been tackled and blocked by some of the biggest guys in high schools throughout the Merrimack Valley.

But once the linebacker, running back and future co-captain of Andover High School's Golden Warriors football team plants his last opponent of the season, he trades in his cleats and helmet for pompoms.

Vining is also member of the Andover High cheerleading squad. He is one of two males on a squad of 21.

For years, female cheerleaders have been convincing spectators that cheering requires the same athleticism as other sports. Now it's Vining's turn. He agrees that rallying spectators' spirits demands the same kind

of intense physical endurance it takes to play football.

Back flips, hand springs and throwing girls several feet into the air - and then catching them - are just some of Vining's stunt techniques that helped propel the Andover squad to state finals for competitive cheerleading.

"The gymnastics part of it gets your entire body fit," says Vining, who practices stunt routines almost daily. "Tumbling is what hooked me. I just have a really good time doing it."

The athleticism involved in cheering makes it an activity that many people would have difficulty performing, says AHS cheerleading squad coach Karen Clark. She says Vining needs the strength of a football player and the agility of a gymnast.

"Cheerleading is not what it used to be," says Clark. "It

"I don't really care what other people think. It is like playing football in a lot of different ways."

DAN VINING,  
ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR

takes a lot of hard work and hours of practice to get through the stunts and have the whole team performing in unison. If one person doesn't do something right, it throws the whole team off."

When tumbling, Vining can perform a series of moves that send him flipping, springing and flying through the air, all in just a few short moments.

"It was the most exciting two and a half minutes I've ever seen," said Dan's father, David

Vining. "The stunts are incredible to see. I'd say it's just as exciting and entertaining as watching any of the traditional sports like football, basketball and baseball."

During the past 20 years, the National Cheerleading Association reports that cheerleading has changed significantly. Once an activity where members were selected based on their popularity, cheering is now widely considered a sport that claims some of the more talented athletes in schools.

Cheerleading historical facts note that the activity began in 1898, when Johnny Campbell lead the first cheers at a Minnesota University American Football game. Cheering was originally exclusive to men, until the 1920s when women began dominating the squads.

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## Signs sprouting like crocuses

Parents looking to stop 'double tax'

By Judy Wakefield

Crocuses might be buried under snow for now, but another colorful item is popping up on town lawns - No FEES! signs.

While the school superintendent was appearing at public forums on the town budget last week saying she was "regrettably proposing" an increase in school fees, more of these bright red signs were being planted in front lawns across town.

Parents expected bright red bumper stickers with the same message to decorate some cars parked at the Andover High School parking lot this week. The proposed parking fee there is more than tripling - from \$100 to \$325.

"I don't agree with her. You can't bridge the gap with fees. It's double taxation," said parent Cindy Cromer, echoing the sentiments of other parents.



40 signs - costing \$5 each - have been made by a parent and are popping up around town.

South School's Parent Teacher Organization.

She has purchased three of the 40 signs produced, and planted one in the front yard of her friend Cindy Ozirsky's home last Friday afternoon.

"Parents are getting hit so much," she said. "The PTOs are already raising lots of money and people have had enough."

The fees will be especially hard on Andover High parents as they could easily spend more than \$1,200 next year - in addition to their tax bill - if they have two or more children playing sports and taking a bus. There are numerous other expenses such

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Youth to perform with folk legend  
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## Police: They sold laxatives as 'heroin'

Alleged sale to police ends in arrest

By Andrea Gregory

Supposedly it looked like the real thing.

Carlos Vieira, 27, of Peabody, allegedly pulled out plastic bags packed with white powder, and exchanged them for more than \$300 in cash. With him were Lisa Vieira, 26, of Salem, and Marc Paglia, 34, of Billerica, said police.

But they said there were two major problems with this attempted drug deal that took place in a parking lot off River Road on Saturday morning.

The powder Carlos Vieira allegedly attempted to pass off as heroin was crushed-up laxatives. And the buyer was an undercover Andover police officer.

"These three needed some money to buy their own heroin. They were broke and they were dope-sick," said Det. Sgt. Don Pattullo. "It's being sold as a real drug. They are just trying to rip off somebody."

Pattullo said when dealers sell fake drugs to junkies, there is not too much that can be done. But when they sell it to a cop, it's a different story.

When the cuffs came out, so did the truth, said Pattullo.

"One of them said 'It's only fake. It wasn't real,'" he said.

Police did not know for sure that what was sold to them as

heroin was fake until after they tested the substance.

All three people were arrested and charged with distributing a counterfeit substance. Carlos Vieira was also charged with possession of a hypodermic needle and giving a false name or address to police. In addition, Vieira also had warrants for breaking and entering a building at night and larceny over \$250.

Carlos Vieira and Paglia pleaded not guilty in Lawrence District Court this week. They are due back in court for pretrial conferences at the end of this month and early next month. Lisa Vieira had not been arraigned as of

Townsman press time. Pattullo said the bust was a result of "an ongoing investigation into a group selling drugs in Andover."

"It's a lot of real good undercover work," Pattullo said about the Andover police battling the local pushers and dealers. "We have a lot of activity."

Following complaints from local hotels, gas stations and neighbors of the River Road area, the Andover Police Department formed an undercover operation to bust the dealers.

"When that type of activity is happening on a nice cul-de-sac

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## Moment of silence issue raised, dropped

By Rita Savard

West Middle School decided to stop offering a moment of silence during its morning routine on Monday, following questions from some students and the principal's concern there could be potential lawsuits regarding the separation of church and state.

But on Wednesday the moment of silence was back, after Principal Denise Holmes read that Massachusetts state law requires both a moment of silence and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

"It is on the Massachusetts law books to have a moment of silence and Pledge of Alle-

giance. A lot of educators and administrators are probably not aware of either law, thinking it's more of a tradition," said Holmes. When Holmes made her decision on Monday, she said she did not want to risk the chance of a lawsuit, but after reading state law she believes she must offer the moment as part of the morning exercise.

"As a principal you try to do the right thing for the comfort of each student. I want to make sure that no one is having any difficulty with this," said Holmes, who intends to send a letter to parents about the issue.

The moment-of-silence

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# Parents speak out: 'No Fees!' signs appearing around town

## SCHOOL FEES

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as sports uniforms and booster club costs.

Ellen Travers, co-chairwoman of Andover High's Par-

ent Advisory Committee, was among some 50 residents who attended last Thursday night's budget forum. "People are tired of giving," she lamented.

That's absolutely true,

according to Bill Pennington, a parent and the man behind the signs. He said he has had no problem selling the NO FEES! signs for \$5 each, as parents across town are happy to plant

them in their front yards. The \$5 covers the cost of making each sign, he said, and he planned to hand out free bumper stickers at Andover High this week.

"Fees are a way around Proposition 2½," Pennington said, referring to the state law the limits tax hikes in communities. He believes school fees are a form of taxation targeting a special group, parents.

"And it's wrong," he said.

He said 30 signs were already displayed in yards around town and he believes he will easily sell the other 10 he has.

### Bach on fees

At the budget forums, Superintendent Claudia Bach said she

does not want to "hit our parents for fees," but needed to because state aid cuts, health insurance and special education costs are going up. She stressed that even with higher school fees, nothing is restored in her \$51 million proposed school budget for next year. Overall, she is looking to raise nearly \$2 million through fees next year.

At last Friday morning's budget forum, which attracted only a handful of parents, Bach said school fees help but "in no way" cover all expenses. For example, while the busing fee raises \$1 million, the town still has to put money into the transportation budget.

As for the parking fee at Andover High, Bach said that

money "goes back to the high school" and is used for items that include supplies and teacher salaries.

She said the school had to hire 14 teachers last year to meet a state mandate after Department of Education officials ruled Andover High students did not have enough class time. Parking fees are helping to pay for those 14 salaries, Bach said.

Bach also said not all school-related news is grim, as Andover continues to be a high-performing district. She cited a survey by Boston Magazine at the budget forums that shows Andover ranks 22nd in the state out of 351 school districts when it comes to test scores and its rate of college-bound seniors.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

From left, Cindy Ozirsky and Cindy Cromer pose with one of the bright red, anti-fee signs popping up around town. Many parents say they believe they are being asked to shoulder too much of the school system's budget through fees.

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Athletic fees at Andover High	\$250 individual, \$500 family	\$250 individual, \$500 family	no change

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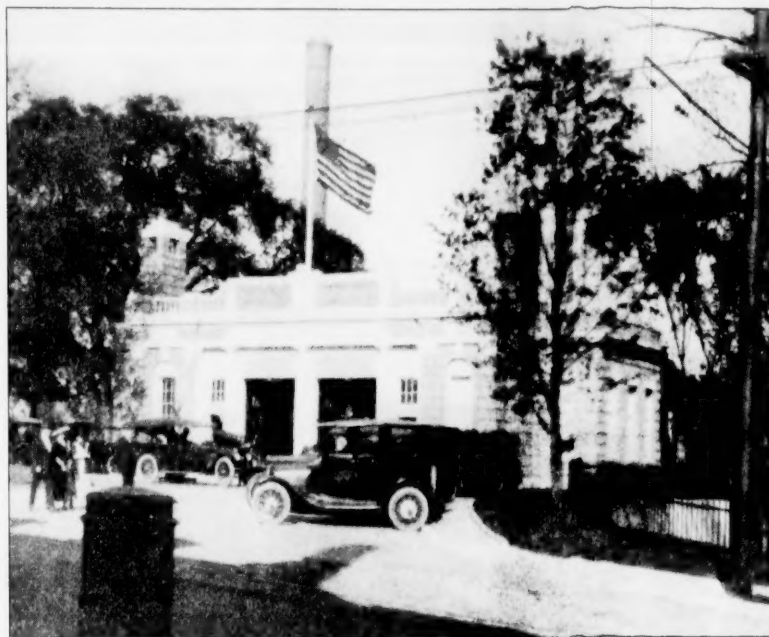
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## IN BRIEF

## PAST AND PRESENT



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Shawsheen Village houses, in northern Andover, were designed without garages. Central garages on North Main Street (pictured in top photo) and Haverhill Street housed all automobiles. The bottom photo shows the same garage today, which is now part of a car dealership. Residents who have an older photo for this "Past and Present" feature are invited to stop by the paper with the photo, or send the photo and information to the *Townsmen* at 33 Chestnut St.

## USAF Band concert tickets still available

There are still some tickets available for the Saturday, March 12 1 p.m. concert of the United States Air Force Air National Guard Band of the Northeast at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School.

Those wishing to do so can pick up free tickets at the veterans service office at Town Offices on Bartlet Street, at the senior center of Memorial Hall Library. For further information, call John Doherty at 978-623-8218.

## Nominations sought for Cole Award

Andover is seeking nominations for the Virginia Cole Community Service Award. This annual award will be presented at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting. Nominations are to be submitted to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski's office by Friday, March 25.

## Award criteria:

Outstanding, long-term contributions to the town in elected, appointed or volunteer roles or a combination of these.

## Process:

Nominations will be screened by the town manager, superintendent of schools and president of the League of Women Voters. At least six names will be forwarded to the Selection Committee.

Selection Committee: The Selection Committee will be comprised of the chairman of the Board of Selectmen (or his/her designee), chairman of the School Committee (or his/her designee) and the town moderator.

The award will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting. It might not be given annually, but should be awarded as truly exceptional individuals are identified. A bowl will be presented to the recipient and a plaque will be hung in the Town Offices with the inscription of the recipient's name.

## Quote, unquote . . .

**A** LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE A NEGATIVE EXPERIENCE with math overall. We're trying to give these students a positive experience in math and help them to find the value of mathematics in their lives.

— Donna Pappalardo, head of the Andover High School Math Department, about a new math curriculum called *Core Plus*. (Story in Education, page 13)

**P**EOPLE ARE WELL INTENTIONED in developing new programs, but the cure is worse than the disease. The problem is mainly a mentality that one size fits all.

— Greg Bachelis, who was disturbed by the results of an independent study he did of *Core Plus* math students. (Story in Education, page 13)

**T**HIS LAW GIVES YOUNG PEOPLE another option. They don't have to have abandon the baby in a brown paper bag.

— State Rep. Barry Finegold on the safe haven law, which was used for the first time. (Story, page 8)

## News Calendar

## Thursday, March 10

Housing Authority, 100 Morton St., 10 a.m.

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

## Friday, March 11

Senior Center Task Force, 36 Bartlet Street, 8-45 a.m.

School Committee, public forum, Andover Senior Center, bottom floor of School Administration Building, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

## Monday, March 14

Board of Health, Town Offices, first floor, 6-9 p.m.

Finance Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Andover Cultural Council, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7:30 p.m.

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, March 15

Senior Center Task Force, Town Offices, second floor, 6 p.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, 6:30 p.m., executive session; regular meeting follows at 7:30 p.m.

Finance Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, first floor, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor, 7:45 p.m.

## Wednesday, March 16

Selectmen and Finance Committee, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees, Town Offices, Plant & Facilities Department, 7:15 p.m.

## Thursday, March 17

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, third floor, 7 p.m.

## Want to help? Andover High has 'Wish List'

Stefani Goldshein has a Wish List of items that have been requested by Andover High School. She publishes the Wish List on the Andover Public School Web site, [www.aps1.net/ahs/](http://www.aps1.net/ahs/) (the 'Wish List' link is at the bottom of the home page) and she is willing to help coordinate drop-off or pick-up of the item(s). Here is a partial list of items that are currently being sought by Andover High School teachers and administrators: A DVD player for the language classes, boxes of tissues for classrooms, white boards, a good quality electric pencil sharpener, clipboards, pedometers, kitchen items, beading supplies art supplies, language videos, CDs and DVDs, shelving, a clothing rack and a cash register for the AHS School Store.

Contact Goldshein at [steftraina@comcast.net](mailto:steftraina@comcast.net) to donate an item on the Wish List or to request that an item be donated.

## Meehan wants repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell

US Congressman Marty Meehan, a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee who represents Andover and other parts of the Merrimack Valley, introduced legislation last week to repeal the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) law and replace it with a new policy of non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the Armed Forces.

Meehan, whose first piece of legislation as a member of Congress 12 years ago sought to strike the original DADT law, said the legislation is "a matter

of military readiness as we fight the global war on terror."

"The strain on our military personnel is one of the key national security challenges facing this country today," he said in a release.

"In a time of war, it is outrageous that our military continues to discharge thousands of experienced and dedicated service members — many with critical skills in the war on terror — for reasons that have nothing to do with their conduct in uniform or their willingness to serve their country."

## Candidates forum tonight for town election

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover, which annually holds special events designed to inform voters about the candidates and ballot measures in Andover's town election and Town Meeting, will conduct its annual candidates' forum at Andover Memorial Hall Library tonight, Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m.

Moderated by LWV Voter Service Chairwoman Dana Walsh, the forum will feature Mary Lyman, candidate for the Board of Selectmen; David

Samuels, candidate for the School Committee; James Doherty, candidate for Town Moderator; and Francis O'Connor, candidate for the Andover Housing Authority. Participants will have the opportunity to explain their candidacies and why voters should vote for them in the March 22 town election, then to answer questions from the audience.

"Since the candidates are running unopposed, the forum will be more informal than in the past," said Peggy Kruse.

LWV Andover/North Andover president. "We will address questions to all candidates at once and so expect a lively discussion not only about the candidates' views on the issues, but also about their views on the proper role of the various boards."

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# New-drug money may cure disappearing land issue

Eisai puts profits back into developing country, preserving unique habitats

By Andrea Gregory

New-drug research relies heavily on natural resources such as plants, molds and sponges. But as rain forests and other areas teeming with diverse life are destroyed, those seeking to discover new remedies face challenges.

One possible solution is for pharmaceutical companies to pour some of their drug profits back into foreign lands to preserve the land and help the people there. In fact, the US government is running grant programs intended to preserve natural resources, promote new research and improve the communities that possess precious biodiverse assets such as rain forests.

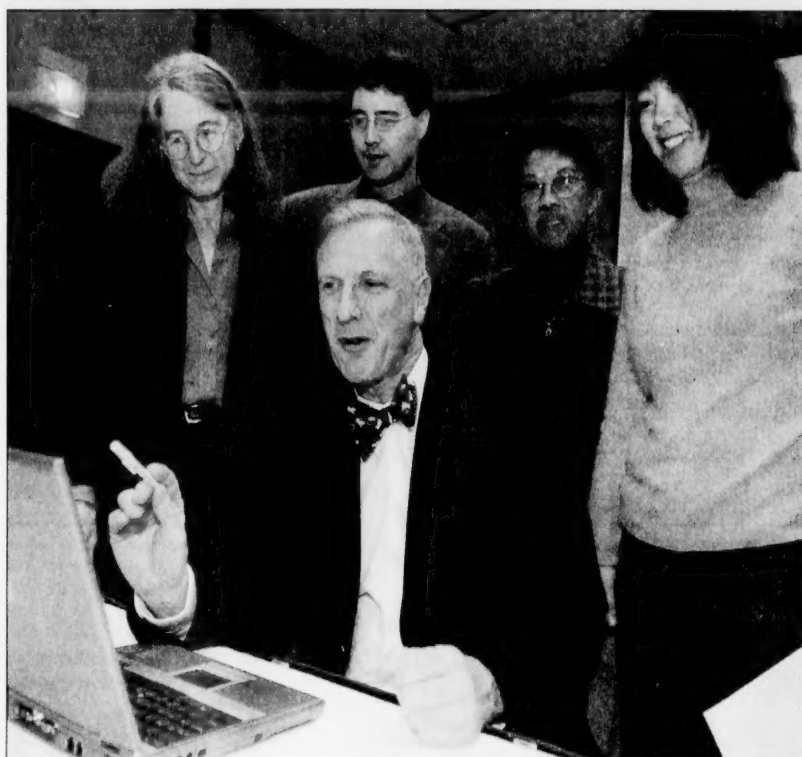
Earlier this week, scientists, researchers and representatives of domestic and foreign agencies gathered at the Wyndham hotel in Andover to discuss an International Cooperative Biodiversity Group program taking place in Madagascar. Eisai Research Institute of Andover is involved with the program,

which coincides with the company's mission, said Ted Suh, director of identification at Eisai.

"It's absolutely a win-win situation. That is the best way to describe it," he said. "This is the first time we have ever done anything like this, and we're pretty excited about this."

Suh said if a drug is discovered from elements found in Madagascar, royalties would be paid to the country. Eisai is already funding part of the ongoing five-year program. Under the program, American federal-government grant money and private company funding is dispersed to help research, preservation and social development efforts. Wildlife has been specifically located and cataloged. But the efforts go beyond biological and environmental preservation.

This program has allowed for such things as a school to be rehabilitated and a bridge to be constructed, benefiting the citizens of the area, said Josette Rahantamalala, special project



The US government and private companies' scientists are working to find new drugs and preserve unique land. Posing for a photo, David Kingston (sitting), of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, shows a Virginia Tech Report to (standing left to right) Flora Katz, of the National Institutes of Health's Fogarty Center; Ted Suh, Eisai Research Institute host; Josette Rahantamalala, of Conservation International-Madagascar; and Yali Hallock, of the National Cancer Institute during a meeting held at the Wyndham Andover Hotel this week.

manager for Conservation International in Madagascar.

"It depends on the needs of the community," she said, talking about how the money can be

used. She said the grant is used to address two aspects in Madagascar, developing the country and preserving natural habitats.

"One of the missions of the grant is to discover new drugs. The drugs they are looking for they are getting from natural products," said Flora Katz, pro-

gram coordinator for the National Institutes of Health, one of the US government agencies supporting such grants. "The approach is very novel."

Katz said the first round of these grants was created in 1993 and she wants to see the work continue.

According to Katz, a lot of biologically diverse atmospheres exist in poor countries. She said the rapid destruction of such natural resources can be alarming. Part of what the program aims to do is educate the natives of such countries about what great resources they have. She said informing the countries about their lands' value — both environmentally and economically — is important. "Or else they would cut down the forest and sell the wood," Katz said.

"People realize we're losing biodiversity," said David Kingston, a professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Kingston is a project leader for the efforts in Madagascar.

"We chose it (Madagascar) because it has a high biodiversity," he said. "Eighty percent of plants that grow there don't grow anywhere else."

He said there is a cohesive group of people working together on the Madagascar program, and, in the end, several different groups of people could benefit in an assortment of ways.

"It's too early to say if we have a (new) drug, but we have components we're looking into," he said.

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## West Middle School briefly silenced moment

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

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issue received some attention last year in the school department when Superintendent Claudia Bach handed out informational booklets published by the Anti-Defamation League to principals in all of the town's public schools. The packet, entitled *Religion in the Public Schools: Guidelines for a Growing and Changing Phenomenon for K-12*, provided school administrators with information on state and federal laws regarding prayer in schools.

In 1985, the US Supreme Court struck down a statute requiring a moment of silence which students could use for silent prayer or meditation, ruling that it was enacted for the purpose of advancing religion. But the Anti-Defamation League said the nation's highest court has not determined if a moment of silence can ever be constitutional.

The separation of church and state in schools has long been a topic of debate in communities, courts and classrooms throughout the country.

Norah McCarthy, principal at Wood Hill Middle School, does not see an issue with having a moment of silence.

"I don't think it's in violation of civil liberties," said McCarthy, who has also read the Anti-Defamation League's booklet. "We're not asking children to pray, it's just a very small amount of time for students to think about whatever they want to. It's a quiet moment they take for themselves that helps them to set the tone of the day."

With a TV in each classroom, students tune into "Wood Chuck TV" in the morning, which features a briefing on school happenings, birthday wishes, the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, all under the direction of student broadcasters.

The Anti-Defamation League does take the position that a moment of silence is "unconstitutional" since "both the purpose and effect of such moments of silence are invariably to advance religion."

McCarthy, along with other administrators, disagree with the League's stance.

"I've been here for five years and we've

been doing it every day since I've been here," said Stephen Jankauskas, principal at Sanborn Elementary School. "I have not been presented with any information that leads me to believe we should change that."

Doherty Middle School adopts a similar school of thought, where a moment of silence means just what the phrase implies.

"It's just part of our morning routine that follows the Pledge of Allegiance," Floyd McManus said. "What people are reflecting on, I have no idea; that's personal for each individual."

Bancroft Elementary Principal Scott Morrison said the booklet was something his school did not have to think much about, since a moment of silence is not part of his students' school day. Andover High School also does not incorporate a moment of silent thought into their morning schedules.

Shawshen and South Elementary schools both apply it to their school day, and principals at High Plain and West Elementary were unable to comment before *Townsmen* presstime.

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## PEGGY KECK AND NAT SMITH HONORED

## AVIS names reservations after two open-space pioneers

By Dorian Block

Two of the town's nature reservations were renamed Tuesday night in honor of two Andover Village Improvement Society retirees.

The 67 acre Bailey Reservation in West Andover will now be known as the "Nat Smith Reservation," and the 40-acre Rocky Hill Reservation between South Main Street and Route 125 is now the "Peggy Keck Reservation."

Board members announced the new names, a surprise to the honorees, at the Society's 111th

annual meeting at the Andover Country Club. More than 100 members of the 1,200-member society braved the snowstorm to celebrate the retirement of their president and vice president who have led the group in purchasing and caring for 1,100 acres of Andover's wild land.

Members of the group referred to the retirement of Smith and Keck as the "end of an era."

Smith, 69, served as either trustee or president of the society for more than 35 years. He led the society in maintaining the

properties it has acquired, cleaning them and making them more accessible to the public. He is most known for his hands-on work as a cartographer designing maps of the society's property and he has created most of the wooden signs that mark the land. He is retiring as a math teacher at Phillips Academy this summer and moving to Vermont, therefore leaving the improvement society.

Keck, 81, first became a trustee in the 1960s and has also served on the Andover Planning Board for 12 years. She has

long been a proponent of conserving land and has been in charge of the group's land acquisitions since 1981, adding 53 parcels or 200 acres of land to the group's collection.

In the last 50 years the society has grown from the 23-acre Indian Ridge Reservation to 1,100 acres spread throughout town. Following their predecessor Harold Rafton, Smith and Keck had the foresight to begin scooping up property before developers moved in.

One of Smith's greatest accomplishments was beating

out developers and raising \$800,000 to purchase the West Parish Meadow in 1992, to leave the land off Route 133 forever open. "It woke us up to the possibility of bidding in the big time," said Smith.

Trustee Matthew Dallet said Smith can "persuade anyone to do what he wants and convince them it's the right thing."

In one of Keck's greatest accomplishments, she convinced the selectmen, school department and state legislature to give the society 6.6 acres behind Andover High School to con-

nect the Indian Ridge land to the West Parish Meadow.

Trustee Kathy Dietz said Keck has an "encyclopedic knowledge of Andover." Smith said she "sniffs out" properties on the assessor's map like a bulldog.

The newly named Smith and Keck reservations are in the top 10 largest properties owned by the society. They are open to the public, as are all society properties.

The society also created a Peggy Keck and Nat Smith Land Acquisition Fund in November and have since raised \$123,000 from members and residents donating in the trustees' names.

Keck said while she will no longer be on the board, she will continue working with AVIS.

Smith said even though he is moving to Vermont, he will visit Andover and the new reservation with his name. He said he struggles to put the past four decades into words.

"Man needs green space. He needs trees and fields," Smith said. "But we mostly do this because it feels good to do something good."

## Football captain, cheering all-star

## ■ CHEERLEADER

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ing squad became co-ed when former Warriors football co-captain, Dennis Collins, started the trend in the 2003-04 AHS basketball season. Vining joined the team soon after Collins. Collins has since graduated, but Vining continues stunting, along with new male teammate Cameron McLoud.

Even though Vining has performed maneuvers that could challenge the limits of anyone's body — and cause the same kind of aches, pains and bruises acquired on the football field — he says some people still don't take it seriously.

"People will laugh because they think it's funny," Vining says. "But I don't really care what other people think. It is like playing football in a lot of different ways. You just get out there and focus on the game so you can do the best job that you can."

While Vining's cheerleading role does garner some laughs, it has also gained him respect and admiration from people that know him, including his Golden Warrior football teammates.

"I thought he was kidding when he first told me he was joining the cheerleading squad," recalls Adam Cuomo, a wide receiver and defensive back for the Warriors. "It was like, 'Where did this idea come from?' But he kept going with it and got pretty good."

Cuomo says that even though Vining's friends "tease" him once in a while, the football players are supportive of their teammate's endeavors, on and off the field.

"I definitely consider it a sport," added Cuomo, after witnessing his friend in action. "It's really more aggressive than a lot of people think. It involves a lot



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

There are 21 members of the Andover High School cheering squad, which put on a clinic for younger students during school vacation week in February.

of skill and physical strength to throw someone 20 feet up in the air, and not drop them."

Vining's stunting partner, 17-year-old Ashley Baldwin, says mental strength and focus is just as important when performing routines.

"I'm not sure about the actual height I reach, but it does take a lot of trust in your partner to be able to go that high," Baldwin says. "For people that have a problem with him being a cheerleader, well I just don't know what to say. Dan has already proven himself to be an amazing football player. He has a lot of courage and guts and determination. It takes a real man to be able to be the captain of the football team and a cheerleader."

Although the AHS basketball season ended last Friday, Vining continues to practice five days a week at the high school, to prepare for cheerleading state finals.

The competition will be held at the North Andover High

School gymnasium on March 20. Last year marked the squad's first shot at the state championships and it placed third. Cheerleading Coach Clark says Gloucester High School usually captures first place in the annual competition, but she believes this year Andover High's improved stunting routines will provide Gloucester with some tough competition.

Vining, who also cheers on East Elite, an all-star team based in Tewksbury, says his interests in cheering and football will ultimately broaden his choices when he's ready to apply for college.

Cheerleading hasn't hurt his social life either, he says. Vining's girlfriend, Ally Joyce, is also a cheerleader on an all-star squad.

"I like doing things that are different from other people," Vining says. "I think that by playing football and cheerleading, I get to experience the best of both worlds."

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## POLICE LOG

This week's log covers from Tuesday, March 1 through Tuesday, March 8.

## ARRESTS

Tuesday, March 1 - At 2:52 p.m., Miles Sanford, 48, of 70 Tyngsborough Road, North Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with operating with a suspended license.

At 3:20 p.m., Richard Ready, 47, of 70 Tyngsborough Road, North Chelmsford, was arrested

and charged with possession of a hypodermic needle and possession of a class A substance. He was also charged on a warrant for traffic offenses.

At 8:59 p.m., Gretchen Kimball, 27, of 19 Sampson Road, Bolton, was arrested and charged with her second offense for operating under the influence of liquor. She was also charged with having an open container of liquor in a motor vehicle and driving the wrong way on a one-way street.

Thursday, March 3 - At 12:34 p.m., Christian Cabera, 18, of 4 Rowe St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with possession of a class B substance with intent to distribute and possession of a class B substance.

At 1:04 p.m., Amando Marrero, 18, of 28 Foster St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with possession of a class D substance.

At 1:22 p.m. a juvenile was arrested and charged with possession of a class D substance.

These arrests were made at 57 River Road.

At 2:12 p.m., Daniel Orourke, 55, of 6 Whitten Ave., Hampton, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for larceny over \$250.

Friday, March 4 - At 10:43 a.m., Christopher O'Brien, 38, of 9 Makos St., Tyngsborough, was arrested and charged with a subsequent offense for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and with not having an inspection sticker.

At 1:58 p.m., Robert Demers Jr., 28, of 28 Birch St., Derry, N.H., was arrested and charged on warrants for operating under the influence of drugs, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, driving with a suspended license and without a valid inspection sticker and failure to appear for probation.

Saturday, March 5 - At 10:15 a.m., Lisa Vieira, 26, of 66 Beever St., Salem, was arrested and charged with distributing a counterfeit substance.

At 10:15 a.m., Marc Paglia, 34, of 48 Great Elm Road, Billerica, was arrested and charged with distributing a counterfeit substance.

At 10:15 a.m., Carlos Vieira, 27, of 7 Sabino Farm Road, Peabody, was arrested and charged with distributing a counterfeit substance, possessing a hypodermic needle and giving a false name or address to police. He also had warrants for breaking and entering a building at nighttime and larceny over \$250.

At 2:29 p.m., Anna Laratonda, 66, of 12 Grandview Terrace, was arrested and charged with assault and battery, larceny from a person and disorderly conduct.

At 4:56 p.m., Kyong Kim, 37, of 48 Cross St., was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

Monday, March 7 - At 1:58 p.m., Damien Gonzalez, 27, of 25 Dartmouth St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on warrants for operating under the influence of liquor, a marked lanes violation, a seat-belt violation, a number-plate violation, an equipment violation, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, having an unregistered

and uninsured vehicle, operating as an unlicensed driver with a suspended license and an identification violation.

At 3:55 p.m., Anibal Linares, 24, of 261 Andover St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with being a fugitive from justice on a court warrant.

Tuesday, March 8 - At 2:52 a.m., Hector Julio Severino, 24, of 405 Garfield Avenue, Jersey City, N.J., was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding.

At 12:18 p.m., a juvenile was arrested and charged with possession of a class D substance.

## THEFTS

Tuesday, March 1 - At 11:04 a.m., someone reported a motor-vehicle license plate stolen.

At 5:30 p.m., a resident reported her laptop computer stolen from her vehicle.

Thursday, March 3 - At 4:19 p.m., someone reported that an employee stole money from an Andover business.

Friday, March 4 - At 1:25 p.m., someone reported a purse stolen from Dunkin' Donuts on North Main Street.

At 9:26 p.m., a Gould Road resident reported his mailbox stolen.

Saturday, March 5 - At 7:43 p.m., Marshall's reported a shoplifter in custody.

Monday, March 6 - At 4:16 p.m., a female reported that her purse was stolen from the high school.

At 5:08 p.m., a resident reported someone else has been using her credit card. She told police the card was not physically stolen.

## INCIDENTS

Tuesday, March 1 - At 11:36 a.m., someone from the Andover Bookstore reported an odor, possibly carbon monoxide. People in the store were ordered to evacuate. Police later reported this was not an emergency.

At 9:39 p.m., a caller reported a person sleeping in the basement of a commercial building on Main Street. The sleeping person was intoxicated.

Wednesday, March 2 - At 11:27 a.m., a Memorial Circle resident reported someone was trying to break into her neighbor's

home using a credit card. When police arrived on the scene, the woman who was trying to get into the residence using a credit card told police her daughter lived there and did not leave a key. She told police she had to pick the lock because she needed to do laundry, according to the police report.

At 8:51 p.m., two people were summonsed to court for possession of a class D substance.

Thursday, March 3 - At 1:46 a.m., police reported the railroad gates at the Essex Street crossing have been stuck down for the past half hour. There was no train in the area. Railroad officials were notified.

Friday, March 4 - At 1:41 a.m., police reported the railroad gates on Essex Street stuck down. Railroad officials were notified.

Sunday, March 6 - At 7:55 a.m., a Stinson Road resident went out to get his mail and found someone had burned it overnight.

Tuesday, March 8 - At 11:02 p.m., someone reported the railroad gates on Andover Street were stuck in a down position. The MBTA told Andover police there was a train broken down in the area.

## ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, March 1 - At 1:41 p.m., there was a six-car accident on Interstate 93 North. Officers were forced to shut down a nearby ramp due to the accident.

Wednesday, March 2 - At 1:08 p.m., there was a two-car crash with personal injuries on Shattuck Road.

Friday, March 4 - At 12:14 p.m., there was a head-on crash with personal injuries on South Main Street.

Monday, March 7 - At 7:17 a.m., there was an accident with personal injuries on School Street.

Tuesday, March 8 - At 9:59 a.m., numerous 911 calls came into the station reporting a two-car accident with personal injuries on North Main Street.

## VANDALISM

There were four reports of vandalism during this week.

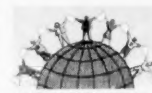
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## Looked like the real thing

## ■ DRUG ARREST

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with \$500,000 homes, it can lead to other activity," he said, mentioning house breaks and thefts.

For about four years, Andover police have been working undercover to control drug-dealing. Many deals are made in

the River Road area, and police are aware of popular spots for dealers.

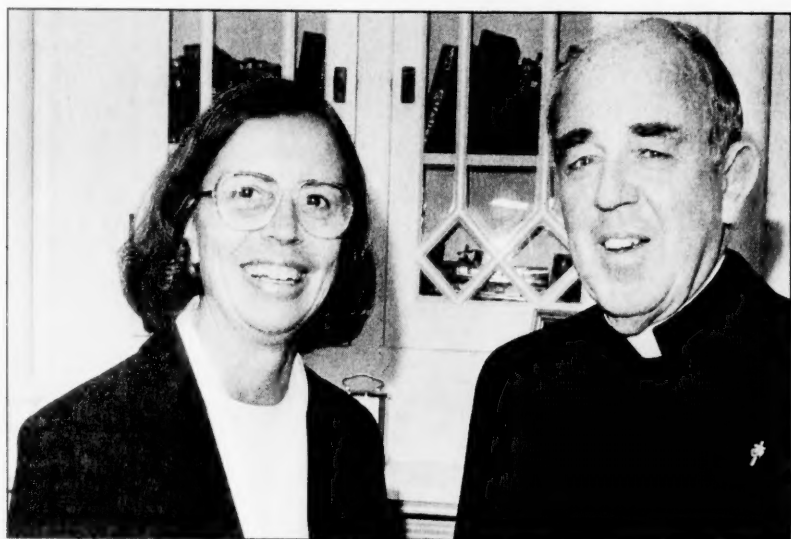
Pattullo said the undercover team gets a lot of its information "from the people on the street, the bad guys."

In the case of the laxatives, Carlos Vieira allegedly contacted a detective and set up the deal, said Pattullo.

Although police are working hard, Pattullo said they are always open to tips from the public to help tackle the ongoing drug problem invading Andover.

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# Opinion

## Protecting land honorable pursuit

SECURING AND PROTECTING land and resources will be one of the great challenges of this century. Fortunately, in large part due to the private Andover Village Improvement Society, Andover has had a large head start. AVIS has already secured more than 1,000 acres for use by the public, thanks to the work of volunteers.

Particular congratulations are due this week to Peggy Keck and Nat Smith, whose service to their fellow residents was honored by AVIS naming vast tracks of its open space after them. Both Keck and Smith worked years for the group, which under their watch bought and maintained acres and acres of land that is open to the public.

Volunteers abound in Andover who work behind the scenes to secure benefits that all residents can enjoy. But even among Andover's many volunteers, Keck and Smith stand out for the length and significance of their service.

Looking farther afield, Andover company Eisai Research Institute deserves kudos for its involvement in a program aimed to protect land in developing countries, specifically Madagascar.

New medicines are often created thanks to the discovery and study of rare plant or animal life. Eisai is involved with a new program that will return some of the money made from discovering new drugs to protect the land where such elements are found. Such money can also be used to improve the lives of people who live in such biodiverse regions. This should help people to see the value of their environment and protecting it.

### Web question

#### Should schools offer moment of silence to start day?

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question was: Andover has called off school four times this winter and, as a result, students will be in school until June 24. What should Andover do – if anything – to prevent kids from going to school so late in June?

40 people voted.

• 9, or 23 percent, said, "Start school before Labor Day as other communities do so snow days will not lengthen the school year until the end of June."

• 2, or 5 percent, said, "Other towns are holding school on Saturdays to make up their snow days. Andover should do this."

• 16, or 40 percent, said, "Change school vacations. Combine February and April school vacations, closing schools for a week in March."

• 13, or 33 percent, said, "Andover's school calendar is fine the way it is. No one can predict Mother Nature, so the town should just accept that kids will be going to school late in June."

• No one said, "Other."

This week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question is: **A moment of silence is often used at the beginning of school days for local kids and at the meetings of elected officials, including Selectmen and the School Committee. West Middle School considered removing the moment of silence from its morning roster of announcements. What do you think about having a moment of silence?**

• Yes, as kids need to learn about the separation of church and state. The moment of silence suggests a time of prayer, which is inappropriate for the schools to promote.

• No, because the moment of silence is simply a time to reflect. It does not have anything to do with praying, so it should be part of the morning ritual at schools.

• Gimme a break! Middle-schoolers are barely awake when the announcements are made at 7:35 a.m. They don't pay any attention to the moment of silence and usually use that time to finish their homework.

• Other.

To vote, surf to [www.andovertownsman.com](http://www.andovertownsman.com).

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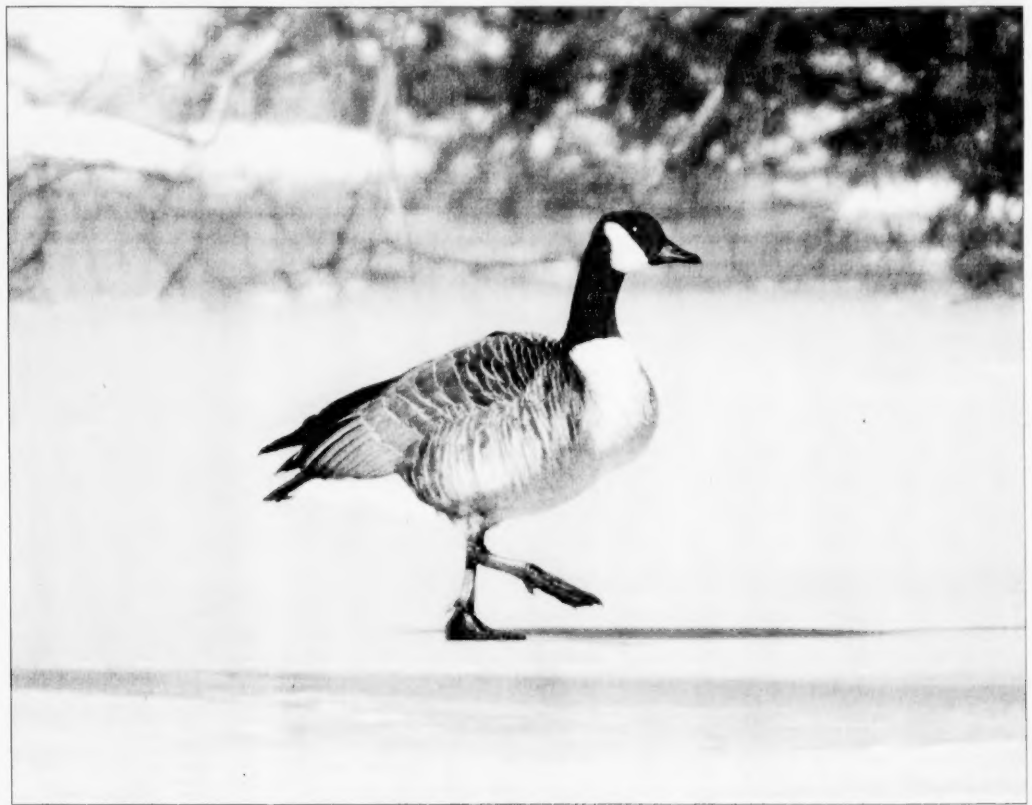
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### COLD FEET, COLD DUCK



A Canada geese walks on Husseys Pond near Shawsheen Square.

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## LETTERS

### Column: More recycling, less trash expense

By Candy Dann  
Andover Recycling Committee  
Chairwoman

As of May 1, Andover will actively enforce the state waste bans and no longer allow collection of visible or obvious quantities of recyclables, in particular cardboard.

Andover selectmen recognized that recycling can make a big difference to the town budget as well as to the environment. They set a goal of reducing the town's solid waste by 20 percent in the next two years.

The goal set by the Board of Selectmen, Department of Public Works and Recycling Committee is to reduce Andover's total trash from almost 13,500 tons to 11,000 tons of trash per year. Though this is an aggressive goal, now is the right time according to Jack Petkus, Public Works Director, because the end of the NESWC contract means the end of our guaranteed annual tonnage requirement. According to Petkus, "In the new contract, there is no penalty for recycling and we get paid for our cardboard and recycled paper instead of paying someone to burn it."

To meet the goal, each Andover household will need to reduce its trash by five to six pounds per week. That means if each household puts out six fewer pounds of trash each week, Andover would save \$100,000 per year.

The Andover Recycling Committee encourages residents to increase recycling of cardboard, junk mail, magazines, old files, and newspapers. There will also be a "Zero Waste Day" on May 7, at which residents can give away clothing, books, and small household items that will go to local charities and non-profit organizations.

For more information on what can be recycled, as well as creative ideas to avoid putting items out in the trash, please see the town's recycling Web site, [www.andoverma.gov/recycle/](http://www.andoverma.gov/recycle/).

The Department of Environmental Protection bans recyclables from being collected as trash in order to protect the environment and conserve our disposal capacity.

### About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall's file can be found at [www.hudsonvanloo.ca](http://www.hudsonvanloo.ca), and it offers quotations such as those found at right.

### Senior center only a phone call away

Editor, *Townsman*:

As a practicing geriatrician and member of the Council on Aging and Senior Center Task Force, I am approached weekly by my physician colleagues, friends and others who ask me for advice when their elder parents or relatives face significant health and social changes. These changes can happen suddenly and often catch everyone by surprise. Invariably, I mention the importance of contacting the local senior center or Council on Aging. These organizations know the community resources that are available and they can be part of the solution to the complex problems facing these people. It surprises me how little most health-care professionals and other people know about what senior centers have to offer their local communities. It is only when they have to become educated about this invaluable resource that they appreciate their value in helping their loved ones to stay in their homes and communities.

This need will only continue

to grow given the political realities of the lack of adequate future funds for Medicare and the discussion underway of cutting Medicaid reimbursement to the states, much of which goes to fund care for financially challenged older people. But even people with adequate financial reserves face daunting challenges when their health declines. Programs and resources available through local communities will become ever more important in helping senior citizens to deal with the issues most important to them, maintaining health and functional abilities that foster independence and allow continued community living. In Andover there are 9,000 people out of 32,000 people, or approximately 28 percent of the population, over the age of 50. Andover will have significantly more adults over the age of 65 living in town than it does now by the year 2030, when it is expected 1 out of 5 people will be over the age of 65.

The Andover Senior Center has a number of evidence-based

proven programs of wellness care that help older adults and people who have chronic illnesses learn how to manage their problems in proactive ways. This in turn allows them to stay healthier and more in control of their health and medical needs. It also decreases the burden on family members, many of whom are part of the "sandwich generation." Our senior center is a national leader in trying to provide these types of programs, but it is severely limited by the lack of space.

The vast majority of people are going to need the resources of a senior center in the future, either for themselves or family members. It might be just a phone call away. I am encouraging my fellow citizens of Andover to remember this and go to Town Meeting in April to vote yes on the building of a new senior center. Let us not forget what older adults have done for us and what we all might need in the coming years.

Rob Schreiber  
27 Bartlett St.

## THE THURSDAY FILE

The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.

ALVIN TOFFLER

Keep on beginning and failing. Each time you fail, start all over again, and you will grow stronger until you have accomplished a purpose – not the one you began with perhaps, but one you'll be glad to remember.

ANNE SULLIVAN

Wise are those who learn the bottom line doesn't always have to be their top priority.

WILLIAM A. WARD

There are three ways to get something done:

- (1) Do it yourself.
- (2) Hire someone to do it for you.
- (3) Forbid your kids to do it.

UNKNOWN

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER, 1865-1943

A cutting word is worse than a bowstring, a cut may heal, but the cut of the tongue does not.

AFRICAN PROVERB

Hitting a golf ball and putting have nothing in common. They are two different games. You work all of your life to perfect a repeating swing that will get you to the greens, and then you have to try to do something that is totally unrelated. There shouldn't be any cups, just flag sticks. And then the man who hit the most fairways and greens and got closest to the pins would be the tournament winner.

GOLF GREAT BEN HOGAN, IN HIS LATER YEARS, WHEN HE COULDN'T MAKE A PUTT

Tolerance does not ... do anything, embrace anyone, champion any issue. It wipes the notes off the score of life and replaces them with one long bar of rest. It does not attack error, it does not champion truth, it does not hate evil, it does not love good.

WALTER FARRELL

### Einstein quotation

Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.

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As a general rule, the paper does not publish anonymous letters or thank-you letters.

It also does not publish letters for candidates in the issue prior to an election.



# Finegold: Safe haven law works

First baby left at local hospital

By Judy Wakefield

State Rep. Barry Finegold of Andover believes the first use of Massachusetts' safe haven law shows the bill he helped write can save babies' lives.

It's been a gratifying week for him as a young mother of a healthy baby girl born on March 2 surrendered the infant to an undisclosed hospital here in the Merrimack Valley. The mother made arrangements through a state hotline, gave birth and then surrendered the baby shortly after her birth.

"The baby is now in the process of being adopted. She will grow up in a loving and nice home," Finegold said.

Finegold first considered supporting a safe haven law five years ago, when a newborn baby girl was left abandoned in a brown bag outside a Worcester hospital. It was one of those news stories that he just couldn't forget.

Like many people, Finegold wondered how anyone could abandon a baby. But he said he's learned that many teenage mothers across the state are distressed young women in difficult situations. They often hide their pregnancies and they simply do not know what to do when the baby is born.

Now, there is an option called the safe haven law that allows parents to legally leave infants with authorities, rather than abandoning them. Finegold spent four years trumpeting the cause and was one of the authors of the bill that went into effect on Oct. 29, 2004.

"We had many naysayers who asked 'Why do this? What's the point?' I always said if we saved just one baby then it's worth it," Finegold said.

Since the first safe haven law was passed in Texas in 2000, similar laws have been passed in 46 other states. Mass-

## THE LAW

The Safe Haven Act of Massachusetts allows a parent to legally surrender newborn infants up to 7-days-old at a hospital, police station or manned fire station without facing criminal prosecution. The state's Department of Social Services takes immediate custody of the infant.

For more information, call 866-814-SAFE or visit [www.babysafehaven.com](http://www.babysafehaven.com).

achusetts became the 47th state to enact the law. Hot lines are set up to help counsel women.

Tim Jaccard, founding board member of the National Safe Haven Alliance, said hot line operators are told to use the safe haven law as a last resort.

They encourage the parents to consider adoption or another parenting plan.

Critics say the safe haven laws simply remove punishment from the parents. They say mothers who abandon their babies are not thinking rationally about their options and babies continue to be abandoned despite the laws.

Last month, an infant left outside a Chicago hospital died, and Illinois is a state with a safe haven law.

In the four years that it took for the bill to pass in Massachusetts, 13 babies were abandoned in the state and six of them died. Finegold, a married father of an 18-month-old, said he does not want those statistics to increase.

"This law gives young people another option. They don't have to abandon the baby in a brown paper bag," he said.

Material gathered by Stephanie Akin was used for this story.



Barry Finegold, an author of the law

# 15 JUNIORS, ONE CROWN

Andover High males will compete to be named Mr. AHS

By Dorian Block

It is the holy grail for Brad Durkin, 17.

The Mr. AHS title. The party-store crown. The plaque in the school's main office. The spread in the yearbook. The bragging rights.

"I've been planning this for a long time," Brad said. "If I lose I'll be really sad. I want to win so bad. I plan to wear the crown every day for a year."

Durkin is one of 15 contestants in the 14th annual Mr. Andover High School competition, a humor-filled "beauty contest" and fund-raiser that is as much a milestone for junior boys at Andover High as the prom, drivers' licenses and college visits.

"The prom is overrated," Michelle Chan, 17, said at a recent rehearsal for the competition.

"Mr. AHS is like a rite of passage," said Sami Islam, 16, Chan's boyfriend, and one of this year's contestants.

Durkin, Islam and the other 13 participants will take to the Collins Center stage Friday at 7 p.m. to compete in the sports-wear, talent and dream date portions of the event. Once the judges, usually Superintendent Claudia Bach and a mix of principals, teachers, and other community leaders narrow the group to five, the final candidates are asked Miss America-like questions: What will you do during

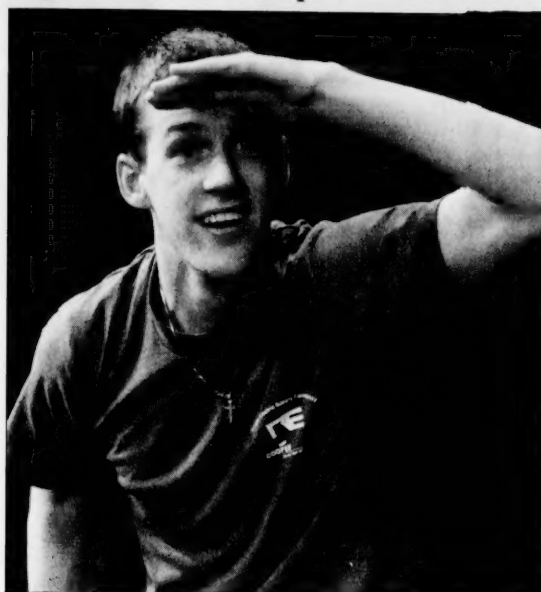


PHOTO BY KEN YUSZKUS

Contestants such as Brad Durkin are looking forward to competing for the Mr. AHS title this Friday at 7 p.m.

your reign if you become Mr. AHS? How will you make the world a better place?

Durkin has a plan to attain victory. During the "sportswear" portion of the show - during which the boys use their creativity to dress up as characters such as Teletubbies or Oompa Loompas - Durkin plays Waldo from the "Where's Waldo" cartoon. He darts around the auditorium looking for a scroll of paper that

reveals the name of his sponsor for the contest, one girl chosen by each contestant to walk him on stage and through the competition.

During the talent competition, Durkin plays drums under black and strobe lights. He would have used fluorescent paint on his drums, but he's attended the last six competitions with his sister, so he knows that it has been done before.

## Working to meet the state's safe drinking water standard

# Town still coming to grips with faucets

By Rita Savard

Wednesday is no longer spaghetti day at several Andover schools. Nor is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

Kettles used to cook pasta in the kitchens at Doherty Middle, West Middle and Sanborn Elementary schools are still off limits because of unacceptable levels of lead measured in the kettles' water, according to the town health department.

Continual daily flushing has not reduced the levels of lead enough to allow the schools to meet the state's safe drinking

water standard, said Health Director Everett Penney.

Finding the appropriate replacement fixtures has been difficult, said Plant and Facilities Director Joseph Piantadosi.

"New fixtures we buy are sold as having no lead, but they still can contain up to 8 percent, which tests OK by federal standards," he said.

But while lead levels meet the federal standard, they can be just high enough to flunk the stiffer state requirement. The problem, said Piantadosi, lies in conflicting federal and state standards over the size of water samples used to check for water safety.

State guidelines call for testing about 250 milliliters, basi-

cally the total amount of water coming from the faucet alone. Under the federal Environmental Protection Agency regulations, a sample of 1,000 milliliters of water is used to test for unsafe levels of lead.

According to Piantadosi, that sample includes the water in the faucet and the pipe.

"Elevated lead in the faucet is being diluted with water in the pipes and that is OK by federal standards," Piantadosi said.

Piantadosi said that it's been a lot of "hit-and-miss" work trying to find the best new faucets, but town schools are quickly on their way to meeting state standards.

"We are going to make all of Andover schools 100 percent in

compliance of this guideline," Piantadosi said. "We are almost there."

Piantadosi did report receiving several phone calls from people wondering about their home faucets as well.

"This is probably even more serious in people's homes because a lot of decorative faucets sold in home stores are larger so they hold more water and many are made out of a brass material," Piantadosi said. "I recommend not drinking water anywhere without letting it run for about five seconds, or until you feel a temperature change."

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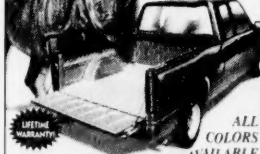
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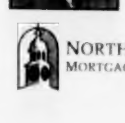
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# Townspeople



Gardner Waldeier is walking 125 miles to Oxford County, Maine, which is home to Andover, Maine.

## Historical footsteps

By Andrea Gregory

At 7 on Monday morning in Cambridge, Gardner Waldeier lifted his heavy sack over his shoulder and began making strides toward Andover. He would arrive at sunset, and his journey would still be a long way from over.

Buried deep in his backpack, the 22-year-old carried a proclamation from Gov. Mitt Romney. It was symbolic of a 200-year-old document that originally established the area Waldeier grew up in, Oxford County, Maine.

Waldeier's walk was meant to recreate a similar journey made in 1805. Back in 1805, Maine was not yet a state and was still considered part of Massachusetts. Legislation and important documents — such as the recognition of Oxford County — were hand delivered by men on foot or horseback.

Waldeier's recreation of the historic journey began on Monday and will total 125 miles. Regardless of how his feet would feel, he said he was reliving an important piece of New England history.

"I think it's kind of interesting. I'm kind of learning as I go," he said after the first 23 miles of his journey.

Waldeier met up with local historian and Andover resident Ray Potvin at the Ballardvale train station in Andover. Potvin volunteered to host him for the night and give him a good breakfast.

Potvin, co-author of *The Scalp Hunters*, a historical tale of the region that takes place before the proclamation, was looking forward to chatting with Waldeier about his travels and his take on the land's history.

"I've done a lot of research, and I've done a lot of traveling through that area. I'm anxious to speak with him and ask him what he knows," said Potvin. "I'm very much interested in promoting history."

Although Waldeier said he was tired when he first entered Andover, almost immediately he and Potvin found much to discuss.

"I don't have Indians to worry about," said Waldeier pointing out one way his journey was different than the original.

Waldeier said he is traveling on both roads and through the woods. His route might not follow the exact footsteps of the original proclamation carriers, but according to Potvin, traveling through Andover was the common route North during that time.

"The principal routes came right through Andover and right by Phillips Academy," said Potvin.

According to Larry Glatz, Chairman of the Oxford County 2005 Coordinating Committee, some of Oxford County's early settlers were former Andover residents.

"Andover, Maine was settled by people almost entirely of Andover, Mass.," said Glatz.

Glatz said Andover, Maine was originally called East Andover. In 1820, Maine became a separate state, and almost immediately East was dropped from its name, he said.

Glatz said part of this week's journey is intended to reconnect the history of Maine and Massachusetts as well as to celebrate the bicentennial.

### The right man for the job

Waldeier is not the kind of person who indulges in modern luxuries. He does not have a cellular phone and did not borrow one for this trip. Even his maps are not completely up-to-date, something he discovered on his travels. He said his wool and felt hat would protect him from rain and snow. He is proud of the natural hemp and wool fibers his pants are made from, and his self-made walking stick.

"He is just a naturally curious kid," Glatz said. "Everybody who knows Gardner likes him."

Waldeier joined AmeriCorps out of high school. He has done trail maintenance work and spent summers as a ranger in upstate New York.

Waldeier said a trip like this allows him time to ponder possibilities for his future. He has a strong appreciation for the outdoors and loves seeing new places. He calls himself an amateur writer and photographer. He is interested in history and also in participating in local government. He said he has gone to Town Meeting every year since he was 16 in his hometown of Waterford, Maine. In fact, when he was first asked to make the journey, he agreed as long as it did not interfere with this year's Town Meeting, which was Saturday.

"I have no regrets so far," Waldeier said Monday night. "We'll see first thing in the morning."

The next day, Tuesday, it snowed. Waldeier did have snowshoes in his pack and claimed the weather would not stop him. His goal is to reach Oxford County by Saturday afternoon.

When Waldeier crosses the town border, a horse-drawn carriage will be waiting to whisk him off his feet. From there, the proclamation will be handed to horseback riders who will transport it from one elementary school to another until every school in the county has had a chance to study it and relish the recreation of a 200-year-old milestone that defined Oxford County.



Deirdre Tisdale and her daughter, Gillian, look over artwork Tuesday evening at the Girls' Night Out exhibit at the Addison Gallery of American Art.

## Girl Power at the Addison

This girls' night out had both Girl Scouts and gorillas

By Judy Wakefield

IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SEASON and plenty of local moms are spending time with their daughters delivering boxes and collecting money from the sales.

That's how Deirdre Tisdale of Andover found out about Tuesday's special event saluting the current *Girls' Night Out* exhibit at Phillips Academy's Addison Gallery.

"I was at a Girl Scout meeting when someone showed me a flyer about this," Tisdale said. "I thought it was interesting for moms and daughters as it's all about women."

Accompanied by her 10-year-old daughter, Gillian, Tisdale braved the snowstorm and enjoyed the current gallery exhibit that features the works of 10 international female artists.

Allison Kemmerer, curator of photographer and contemporary art at the Addison, said the show is a celebration of women's empowerment through various works. The gallery hosted the event to encourage women of all ages to check out the show, which runs through April 3.

Tuesday's blowing, blinding blizzard certainly had a blustery chilling effect on the crowd size, as only about 30 people attended (the overwhelming majority of whom were female). It was a cross-section of women — moms with daughters, college students and PA students — and organizers were happy about that and the various reviews that came from visitors.

"Some of it's abnormal, a bit freaky," the home-schooled Gillian Tisdale said of the artwork. "But it's interesting when art is like that."

Her favorite part of the event was a



Carmel Rodriguez-Walter, Kathe Kollwitz (wearing the mask), and Nate Greenberg at the Girls' Night Out exhibit at the Addison Gallery of American Art.

dance room where her shadow was enlarged or diminished depending on her playful mood. She said she felt "like she was making a mini-action movie," and that was pretty cool.

Phillips senior and aspiring filmmaker Emily Monaco was behind the lens in another room, where visitors were encouraged to make their own short video about girl power.

The gallery's girl power theme was alive in every inch of space and Monaco was intrigued by the various interpretations of visitors.

"One visitor, a Spanish-speaking woman, said girl power was all about education because you can achieve what you

want through education," she said. "I agree with that because if you study hard and work hard you can do something that you really love."

"That's independence and that's power," she said.

Phillips friends Clarissa Deng and Kristen Daley also took in the show, saying the word on campus was the exhibit was well worth seeing.

"I'm taking an Identity course, so I had to see this, but I really like it," said Deng, a senior. "I especially liked the photographer who took pictures of herself. Those photographs revealed so much about her. I was moved by that."

All the while, two masked "guerrilla girls" who actually looked like "gorillas" bopped around the event, sparking some startled reactions. The intent was to get visitors talking to each other and thinking about girl power in today's culture.

Julie Bernson of the Addison Gallery said it did not matter how girl power was celebrated, whether through talking, thinking, interpreting or defining. Women simply had a chance to experience it through this interactive mix of gallery programs that also had an important girly element — it was fun.



Clarissa Deng (left) and Kristen Daley look at the Buzz Club Dance Off from the Girls' Night Out exhibit at the Addison Gallery of American Art.

## In or out? PA applicants find out soon

If you see an intelligent eighth-grader running to the family mailbox after school tomorrow, they're probably not looking for the latest issue of *Sports Illustrated* or *Cosmo*. Rather, they might be searching for an acceptance letter from Phillips Academy.

Phillips spokeswoman Tana Sherman said acceptance letters for this coming fall's freshmen class at the prestigious private school were to be mailed out today, Thursday, March 10. No word on how many letters went out or how many of those are being delivered to Andover addresses as Phillips does not gather statistics on the incoming freshmen class until next month, Sherman said.

Those accepted might want to spend the summer boning up on physics, Latin and statistics. Phillips was recently among four high schools in the state (one public, three private) to be recognized by the College Board for having the strongest college-level classes in those subjects in the world.

— Judy Wakefield

### Gallery talk on exhibit *Girls' Night Out*

► Co-curator Irene Hofmann of the Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, Calif.

► Sunday, March 13, 2 p.m., free

► Addison Gallery, Phillips Academy

► 978-749-4015 for more information



## SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

**The Samaritans of Merrimack Valley** are holding a Spring Flower Bulb Sale to raise funds.

Orders will be taken until Tuesday, March 22. Delivery of the bulbs will be between April 25 and May 11. Customers will be contacted with the exact date and location of delivery.

There are 13 different products to choose from, including a Gladiolus Mixture, Peacock Orchids, Asiatic Lilies Mixture, Double Begonia Mixture, Double Freesia Mixture, Montbretia Mixture, and Purple Liatris, all at \$10 each; Erlicheer Summer Daffodils, Stella D'Oro Daylilies, Blue Star Sea Holly, Toad Lilies, and Oriental Lilies Mixture at \$15 each; and a Summer Garden Collection at \$20.

For more information or to place orders, call 978-688-0030 or e-mail center@samaritans-mass.org. The group will also take plant orders in front of Market Basket in Shawheen Plaza, on Saturday, March 19.

The Samaritans provide a free, confidential, 24-hour crisis line staffed by trained volunteers. The phone line offers non-judgmental befriending to those who are lonely, depressed or suicidal. They also provide support to survivors of suicide, and promote emotional wellness through community outreach, education and prevention services.

On Palm Sunday, March 20, the Rev. **Andre Patenaude** (Father Pat) from **LaSalette Shrine** in Attleboro, will perform spiritual songs in concert "At the Foot of the Cross," to raise funds for his ministry of missions, retreats, healing services, and concerts throughout New England.

Fr. Pat is well known in the Southern Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut areas for his music and healing ministry.

The concert takes place from 2-5 p.m. at **Andover Country Club**, 60 Canterbury St.

Refreshments will be served and tickets are \$15. For more information, call Fran at 978-851-2186.

The **Andona Society** and the **Andover / North Andover YMCA** will sponsor the 12th annual Spring Fling on Saturday, April 2, at the Andover/

North Andover YMCA from 8 to 10:30 p.m. All sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade Andover students from **Doherty, West, Wood Hill, St. Augustine, Pike and Montessori** are invited to this drug- and chemical-free, fun-filled, middle-school event.

Registration forms and parental permission slips will be available at the respective middle schools and are required for admission. Admission ticket cost is \$10 per student.

According to organizers, the evening promises to be filled with a variety of exciting activities geared toward middle-school students including a Bungee Run, DJ, dancing, mat room, swimming and door prizes. Pizza, soda, snacks and all activities are included in the ticket price.

Andona members will be in attendance as chaperones throughout the evening. For more information, contact **Adele Manty** at 978-475-4075.

Join **Merrimack Valley People for Peace** on Saturday morning, March 19 from 10 to noon, for a vigil marking two years of war in Iraq.

The vigil will be in front of **Old Town Hall**, 20 Main St., from 10 a.m. to noon.

Prior to the US-led invasion, thousands of candlelight vigils around the globe showed the world's resistance to war. Since the March 20, 2003 invasion, more than 1,500 US soldiers have been killed, and more than 10,000 Americans have been wounded, according to the Department of Defense.

Almost half of US military deaths have occurred since the "transfer of power" on June 29, 2004. Tens of thousands of Iraqis — soldiers and civilians — have lost their lives.

After two years of bloodshed, Merrimack Valley People for Peace continues to hold vigils in Andover center. The vigil on the 19th will mourn the lives lost in the war, and advance the imperative for peace, organizers said.

"We invite members of the community to come together in remembrance of lives lost and in renewed commitment for peace," they said. "Regularly scheduled vigils in Andover center are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 7 to 8, and on Saturdays

from 10 a.m. to noon."

For more information on Merrimack Valley People for Peace and for locations and times of other vigils, visit [www.merrimackvalleypeopleforpeace.org](http://www.merrimackvalleypeopleforpeace.org).

On Friday, March 11, rediscover the spirit of the Sabbath at **Temple Emanuel of Andover** with "Shabbat Unplugged." The evening will feature **Idan Irelander**, **Rabbi Robert Goldstein** and guests on guitar, percussion and violin. All ages are welcome. The service is from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. with a traditional Oneg Shabbat of various refreshments to follow.

Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road.

A free program about **feng shui** will be given at **Memorial Hall Library**, Monday, March 14, at 7 p.m. This program is presented by the Danvers-Topsfield and Merrimack Valley branches of the **American Association of University Women** and the **Friends of Memorial Hall Library**. It is open to the public.

**Mary Roberts**, president of **Feng Shui Solutions**, is an experienced feng shui practitioner who has consulted in residences, businesses, and many top schools and colleges. She teaches how to create living spaces that improve learning and foster well-being. A member of the International Feng Shui Guild, Roberts also conducts workshops and lectures.

In this lively presentation with slides and a hands-on activity, Roberts teaches how to position furniture to gain control of life and promote a feeling of comfort and safety. Participants receive a feng shui tool to guide in placing objects to benefit one's career, knowledge, finances, relationships, and travels.

**Feng shui** (pronounced *fung shway*) balances the flow of energy in a space to nurture mental, physical, and emotional well-being. Based on an ancient system of philosophy and science, feng shui is a way for people to arrange their environment to improve health, happiness and prosperity. Today, feng shui is respected and used by American homeowners, architects, designers, builders, and educators across all fields.

## FOR SENIORS

By **Pat Becker**

**Andover Senior Center**

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

**Spring Semester:** The spring semester of exercise classes will get underway next week. Classes will be offered in Tai Chi, easy exercise, strength training for women, cardio-circuit training, tap dance, water workout, senior yoga, low-impact aerobics and men's exercise. Call the center to find out about space availability if you are interested in any of the above options.

**Creative Cooking/Lunch Group:** Our creative cooking/lunch group will meet again on Tuesday, March 29 at 11 a.m. This friendly, fun group is open to anyone who enjoys watching someone else cook, sharing a few laughs, and sampling some good food. Our March menu will be salad, Chicken Angelo, pasta, vegetable, and dessert. Cost is \$6 and reservations must be made by March 24.

**St. Pat's Party:** Tickets are now available for our St. Pat's party, which will be held Wednesday, March 16 at 1 p.m. Our celebration will feature Irish music and humor with Kevin Farley, "The Irish Music Guy." Tickets are \$3.50. Lunch reservations for our corned beef and cabbage lunch served prior to the show need to be made separately.

**Massage Therapy:** Another great winter offering is our on-site massage therapist who is here on Monday mornings by appointment. Just \$12 for a 20-minute treatment. If the winter weather is aggravating to your neck, shoulders, back, etc., massage could prove to be therapeutic. Call the center at 978-623-8321 for an appointment.

**Movie Matinee:** Our next movie matinee will be Monday, March 21 at 1 p.m. when we will watch the movie, *In America*, a poignant but uplifting story of a poor Irish family in America. Reservations are not necessary; just stop in.

**Podiatry Clinics:** Home Health VNA conducts two monthly podiatry clinics at the center. Give us a call at 978-623-8321 for dates, times and appointments.

**Fix-It Shop:** Our fix-it shop will be open for business again on Monday, March 21 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Our volunteers will be happy to take a look at any small appliance or household item in need of repair.

**Gift Certificates:** Gift certificates in all denominations are available at the Senior Center. They make a great gift for that hard to shop for person. Certificates are good for any program, class, trip, or special event offered by the center and may be used throughout the year.

**Men's Breakfast:** Our next men's breakfast will be held Friday, March 18 at 8:30 a.m. Bob Friedenson, outdoor photographer, will present a power point slide show and lecture on "Chile, Bolivia and Peru: A Study of Contrasts." Advance reservations (\$3) are necessary.

**Book Club Discussion:** The next book club discussion will take place Tuesday, March 29 at 1:30 p.m. The selection will be *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the center, and everyone is

welcome. No charge.

**Tax Preparation:** Trained tax volunteers will offer help to prepare simple tax returns. Call the center to make an appointment.

**Cardio-Circuit Training For Women:** If there is enough interest, the center will offer a new exercise option for women, cardio-circuit training. Appropriate for most fitness levels, there will be two complimentary try-out sessions at Shapes By Design. The demonstrations will be held Thursday, March 24 at 10:30 a.m. and Monday, March 28 at 2 p.m. Sign up through the senior center.

**Health Plan Options For Seniors:** The center will host a presentation on health plan options for seniors sponsored by Blue Cross & Blue Shield. The program will include information on Medicare and Medicaid plans, Prescription Advantage, veterans' prescription benefits, Medicare drug discount cards, and the Medicare drug benefits. Everyone is welcome regardless of insurance coverage. Advance reservations would be appreciated.

**Town Issues:** On Friday, March 11 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Senior Center Task Force members and candidates running for town offices will be onsite for anyone wishing to come by, ask questions or pick up informational material. A complimentary, continental breakfast will also be available. The community is welcome.

**Alzheimer's Support Group:** The Alzheimer's support group will hold its next meeting Monday evening, March 14 at 7 at the senior center. All are welcome. Contact Kristine Arakelian at the center for further information.

**Computer Users' Group:** The next meeting of the computer users' group will take place on March 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the lower level activity room at Memorial Hall Library. All computer users are welcome to come and solve problems with the group.

**E-Mail Tutorials:** Get individual help with specific e-mail problems. This is not a class and is not geared for beginners, but is meant to offer assistance for a specific issue with files or attachments. An adviser will be at the seniors' computer lab at Old Town Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m., on a donation basis.

**Parker's Maple Sugar House:** We are currently accepting reservations for our April 25 trip to Parker's Maple Sugar House. The outing will include a sugar house tour, a choice of a complete lunch or breakfast, and a visit to the Corn Cob Gift Shop. Cost of the trip is \$32, which includes transportation. Menu selections are available at the center.

**Needleart Class:** A new eight-week session of needleart class will get underway Monday, March 28 at 1:30 p.m. Beautiful work in any and all types of needleart. Beginner or experienced, you'll work on your own project under the expert eye of Carolyn Mattedi. Cost is \$25 and pre-registration is required.

**Beginner's Computer Class:** The center will offer a four-week beginner's computer class beginning Tuesday, April 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$40 and pre-registration is required. (Limited spaces.)

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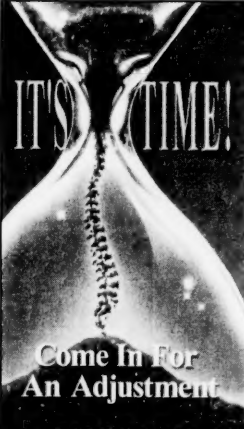
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## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

## 100 Years Ago - 1905

Mr. and Mrs. Howell F. Wilson returned home Monday from a three-day visit to New York City.

Everyone who is interested in maintaining a village team should attend the meeting of the Ballardvale Baseball Association in Engine Hall this evening.

Bradlee Hall was well-filled last Friday evening, the occasion being the entertainment and dance under the auspices of the Independence Drum Corps.

**Advertisement:** William Shaffer, a brakemen of Denison, Ohio, was confined to his bed for several weeks with inflammatory rheumatism. "I used many remedies," he says. "Finally I sent to McCaw's drug store for a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, at which time I was unable to use hand or foot, and in one week's time was able to go to work as happy as a clam." W.A. Allen, Andover; C.H. Shattuck, Ballardvale.

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Lent began Wednesday.

The last basketball game of the season at Phillips Academy will be played next Wednesday afternoon, when the University of Vermont team will be the aggressor.

Two special electric railway cars were necessary to convey the people from Lawrence to Andover after the performance of *Mr. Pip* at the Lawrence Opera House on Tuesday evening.

Invitations are out, announcing the marriage of Alexander Dundas of the town and Miss Lira Slisbury of Moosup, Conn. which will take place in the latter town on Monday, March 27.

The Andover Steam Fire Engine company will give one of its enjoyable clambakes this evening in the Engine House. Only invited guests will be present; admission is by ticket.

About 11 o'clock yesterday morning, an alarm from Box 43 situated on Central Street called the fire department to a chimney fire in a house owned by John Sweeney and occupied by Martin Dugan on Ridge Street.

On the arrival of the apparatus, a chemical was applied to the blaze, which was extinguished before any damage was done.

## 75 Years Ago - 1930

At 2:08 p.m. Monday, the brush fire truck and men answered a call to extinguish a fire on land off Summer Street. There was no damage.

St. Augustine's Dramatic Club will stage *Peg O' My Heart*, a three-act comedy by J. Hartely Manners in the Town Hall Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

A reception and dance will be given by the Pynchard Alumni Association for the senior class, in Pynchard Hall on Friday evening, March 21 at 8 o'clock. Admission will be by ticket only. Tickets may be obtained without charge from any Pynchard alumnus by applying to 8 Stirling St.

Charles G. Kibbee has been at home on Elm Street with blood poisoning caused by an infected hand.

A false alarm was sounded at 1:35 a.m. Thursday from Box 56 Abbot Village center. The alarm was answered by three pieces of apparatus from the Central Fire Station.

A card party will be held in the Legion Hall this evening, under the auspices of the American Legion Auxiliary to Andover Post No. 8 American Legion. Play will start at eight o'clock and the public is cordially invited to attend. Souvenirs will be awarded.

A baked bean supper will be held in Fraternal Hall under the auspices of the Ways and Means committee on Saturday evening between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock.

## 50 Years Ago - 1955

The regular meeting of the planning board, scheduled for Monday evening, March 21, has been cancelled due to the conflict with Town Meeting. The next regular meeting will be on April 4, the board meeting on the first and third Mondays of the month.

Since the Finance Committee is on record as opposed to the present provisions of Article 10 of the Second Town Warrant to be considered on March 21, calling for the provision of \$1,750,000 for a new High

school, it is understood that when this article is reached, a substitute motion will be offered.

Miss Ruth Perry, daughter of Mrs. Randolph Perry, entertained a group of her friends at a birthday and pajama party last Friday night in honor of her 18th birthday cake.

Explorer Post 76 of the Boy Scouts of America are holding a baked bean supper Saturday night in the Community Room starting at 6 p.m.

The Friendly Guild of the Union Congregational Church is holding a rummage sale in the church vestry Thursday, March 31, starting at 9 a.m.

A birthday party was held last Wednesday afternoon, March 2, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunn of Andover Street in honor of the sixth birthday of their daughter Sharon. The celebrant received many gifts. Games were played. The beautiful birthday cake was heart-shaped, adorned with six candles.

## 25 Years Ago - 1980

Figures sent to the *Townsmen* from US Steel on the percentages of reuseable wastes in the average community show that Andover should have around 1,000 tons of newspaper to be recycled and 1,450 tons of reuseable glass. 1979 figures show us recycling around 800 tons of glass that could be reclaimed and reused.

The newswriting class of the Gifted and Talented Program in Andover elementary schools has been involved in doing many exciting things this year. The most exciting experience they have had has been interviewing Boston Celtic superstar Larry Bird. The class was chosen by a Boston newspaper to conduct the interview. The experience is one that they will certainly never forget, they said.

The Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority, at its monthly Advisory Board Meeting on Thursday March 13, will decide several issues concerning the present train service to Andover. On request from the town of Andover, the new timetable beginning April 27 will delete the Shawsheen stop from service.

Selectmen will hold a hearing on Wednesday March 26,

regarding an unlicensed dog owned by Donal Coleman of 91 High St. Jane Pereira of 95 High St. appeared before the selectmen Monday night to complain that the dog is often left alone, tied up and "barks non-stop all the time."

The Knights of Vartan will hold a 10-kilometer foot race starting at the high school on Sunday, May 18, with the selectmen's approval.

The planning board will hold a public hearing Tuesday, March 25 in the meeting rooms at 11 Essex St., on proposed changes in town bylaws, prior to making recommendation to town meeting in April.

The monthly morning meeting of the Merrimack Valley Christian Women's Club will be held Tuesday, March 18 from 10 to noon at the Holiday Inn, located in Tewksbury at the Route 38 exit off Route 495, at which time a breakfast buffet will be served.

Rocketeer Square Dance Club of Andover will join hands and promenade the hall in a benefit for the Massachusetts Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 16.

The Andover All-Stars, bidding for their second straight tournament championship, have battled the title game of the 18th annual Greater-Boston Pre-Teen Invitational Youth Basketball tourney with victories over the Woburn Boys Club and Wakefield at Somerville High.

Nazarian Jewelers, a prominent longtime member of the Lawrence business community, will move to Andover about the first of June. The Essex Street jewelry, gift and watch store is the first retailer to sign a lease for the new Andover Savings Bank building on Main Street.

## 10 Years Ago - 1995

Andover native Jay Leno, on the set of *The Tonight Show*, took a moment to chat with 5-year-old Ryan Felden and his mother, Kathy Felden of Avery Lane. The Feldens, along with husband and father, Greg, visited the set at NBC studios in Burbank, Calif., last month.

South Elementary project architects are currently re-designing their construction

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Casino Night will be held Friday, April 1 at Andover Country Club from 7 p.m. to midnight, the Andover High School Casino Night committee announced. There will be dinner, dancing, silent auction and raffles in addition to the gambling. All proceeds benefit the after school clubs at Andover High School, where more than 1,000 students participate. Above, from left, are Lisa McDonald, Kimberly Taylor, Liz Burdeau, Cheryl Eckel, Sue Conway, Mary Ellen Abisi and Ellen Travers. For more information or tickets, call Lisa McDonald at 978-475-9397.

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## OBITUARIES

## Erick Earle

Property manager was  
AHS graduate

Erick Earle, 25, of Andover, died Wednesday, March 2, at the Youville Hospital in Cambridge, after a seven-month battle with cancer.

Mr. Earle was born in Nashua, N.H. and was raised and educated in Andover. He attended the Waldorf School in Gloucester and Beverly and was then home-schooled before attending Doherty Middle School in Andover. Mr. Earle graduated from Andover High, where he was a member of the football team.

After high school, he worked for Putnam Investments in Andover as an investment adviser. He then became self-employed, working in property management.

Family members said Mr. Earle's yearbook quote, often repeated over the years – and especially during the last several weeks – reflects the way he lived his life. It read, "Keep a smile on your face and one in your back pocket."

Mr. Earle was passionate about bringing people together and fostering an atmosphere that put everyone at ease, said those who knew him. His smile encouraged his family to live every moment to its fullest and to face life's sorrows with strength and courage, as he did. One of Mr. Earle's closest friends wrote, "He will forever be... perfect and beautiful in our hearts."

Robert Earle, Erick's grandfather, said, "Erick was a man of courage in the face of deep personal sorrow; a man of courage in the face of unbearable pain; a man considerate of others until the end; a man with a firm belief in eternal life; and a true friend to many, always with a ready smile."

Mr. Earle was predeceased by his mother, Judy Claire Earle, who died in 1990.

In addition to his grandparents, Robert and Margaret Earle of Andover – who raised and cared for Erick after the death of his mother – members of his

family include four aunts, Margaret Earle of Andover, Nancy Navin of East Falmouth, Sally Pelletier of New London, N.H., and Theresa Earle of Andover; an uncle, Robert Earle Jr. of Peterborough, N.H.; several cousins; and many friends.

A funeral Mass was said at St. Augustine Church and burial took place at St. Augustine Cemetery, Andover.

Arrangements were by the Charles F. Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Youville Hospital, 1575 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

## William A. Ruf

Was a professor of  
English and literature

William A. Ruf, formerly of Andover, died Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Meadows in North Andover.

He was born in Olean, N.Y., and received a bachelor's degree from the College of Wooster in 1933 and a master's degree from Western Reserve University in 1937. He met his wife, Elizabeth Weir, at Dover High School in Westlake, Ohio, where they were both teachers.

Family members said, "Like so many others of the 'greatest generation,' Mr. Ruf served his country during World War II."

Called to service while on his honeymoon, he entered the Army Air Force as a buck private in 1942 and rose to the rank of warrant officer until his honorable discharge in 1946. During his years in the military, he supervised weather forecasts, instructed aircrews in weather observations and interpretations and commanded weather detachments in Nevada and California.

After returning to teaching from military service, Mr. Ruf accepted a position in the English department at SUNY Brockport in 1948. While simultaneously earning a doctorate in education from the University of Buffalo (1960), he was a professor of English and literature, adviser to the college yearbook, and faculty adviser to the senior class.

Mr. Ruf instilled his love for reading and deep respect for learning in his students, and his daughters, to whom he read the Greek myths as bedtime stories. His sly humor and sparkling wit were showcased in his participation in plays in the Summer Arts Festival with his family and in the faculty quartet Three Chiefs and an Indian, which sang at college events.

He also enjoyed weekly soirees with professor friends and his nonagenarian father. He was named professor emeritus upon his retirement in 1974.

Mr. Ruf was deeply committed to education and learning, which was apparent even in his hobbies, his family said. An avid sailor, he was practiced with two wooden sailboats, a

Wee Scot and a Robin, in Sodus Bay, N.Y., and raced weekly at the Brockport Yacht Club. Mr. Ruf and his wife made more than 25 trips to Greece, and loved showing their children and students the country in which the great tragedies were performed and the Olympics born. He and his wife celebrated their 50th anniversary on the island of Crete.

Members of his family include his wife of 62 years, Elizabeth (Weir) Ruf; daughters, Elizabeth R. Field and her husband Kurt W. of Peoria, Ill., and Carolyn Ruf Warren; two granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews.

In keeping with family tradition, there will be a graveside gathering in Gorham, N.Y. in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Archeological Studies, Boston University, 675 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215.

Arrangements are by the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover, MA 01845.

Marguerite  
"Peggy" Welsh

Punchard '41 grad

Marguerite "Peggy" Welsh, 80, of Casper, Wyo., and formerly of Andover, died Wednesday, Feb. 9 at Shepherd of the Valley Care Center in Paradise Valley, Wyo.

Born in Andover, she graduated from Punchard High School in Andover in 1941 and graduated from Rivier College in Nashua, N.H. She also attended the University of Wyoming and Colorado University.

On Aug. 9, 1956, she married John F. Welsh in Evanston, Wyo. They moved to Casper that year.

An English teacher in Evanston and Newcastle, Wyo., she continued her career at CY Junior and Natrona County high schools. She and her husband both retired at the end of the 1985 school year.

Her interests included genealogy, reading, and extensive traveling in the United States and various foreign countries. She also enjoyed working with the Caring Ministry at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

She loved her family, friends, former students and her household pets, family members said.

She was a member of the National and Wyoming Education Associations and the Classroom Teachers Association.

Survivors include her husband of 48 years, John Welsh of Casper; son, Christopher Welsh, and his wife of Westminster, Colo.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother, James Goodwin.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Alma M.  
Roderick

Attended St. Augustine  
Church

Alma M. (LaFlamme) Roderick, 92, of Andover, beloved wife of the late Benjamin H. Roderick Jr., died Wednesday, March 2 at Lawrence General Hospital.

## DEATHS

Beatrice I. Dow, 97  
Erick Earle, 25  
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## DEATHS ELSEWHERE

**KERN** — Joseph C. Kern, 91, of Lawrence, died Friday, March 4 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. He most recently worked as a security guard at Raytheon of Andover.

**LICCIARDI** — Ida (Marino) Licciardi, 86, of Lawrence, died Thursday, March 3 at home. She worked at Raytheon of Andover for 10 years.

**TAMARKIN** — Shirley Tamarkin, 83, of Boca Raton, Fla., died Wednesday, Feb. 16 in Florida. Members of her family include her son, Kenny Tamarkin and his wife Jean Roberts of Andover.

Born in Cambridge, Mrs. Roderick worked at the former Western Electric and was a member of St. Augustine Church in Andover.

Members of her family include her daughter, Sandra C. and her husband William K. Lawrie of Andover; sons, Benjamin H. Roderick of Concord, N.H., and Ronald C. Roderick and his wife Alba M. of Haverhill; brother, Louis LaFlamme of Dennisport; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Marcella  
Feinman

Bookkeeper at her  
family's business

Marcella (Dovner) Feinman, 85, of Andover, died Tuesday, March 1 at Caritas St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Boston.

Born and educated in Taunton, Mrs. Feinman lived in Lawrence for many years and had lived in Andover for the past 16 years.

She was a bookkeeper at her family's business, Feinman Kosher Meat Market in Lawrence and Haverhill.

She was an avid bridge player and was a life master as part of the American Contract Bridge League, as well as being a life member of Hadassah.

Members of her family include her husband of 59 years, Andrew Feinman; daughter, Carol Finkelstein and her husband Wayne Kundrat of Peabody; son, Michael Feinman and his wife Gail of Andover; sisters, Hilda Shality, Sally Plotkin and Bernice Carvalho; brothers, Max Dovner and Samuel Dovner; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Temple Emanuel. Burial was in Temple Emanuel Cemetery, Lawrence.

Memorial contributions may be made to Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, 01810; or to the charity of one's choice.

James L.  
Gorrie

Formerly of Andover

James Lester Gorrie, 64, of Derry, N.H. and formerly of Andover, died Friday, March 4 at home following a lengthy illness.

Born in Lawrence, Mr. Gorrie served in the Army Reserve and worked at Honeywell in Lawrence for many years and most recently at QAC in Pel-

ham, N.H. before retiring.

Members of his family include his daughters, Karen L. Leafe and her husband Kenneth of Manchester, N.H., and Paula J. DeFosses and her husband Gene of Methuen; brother, Scott A. Gorrie of Andover; four grandchildren; and a niece.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Andover Firefighters Relief Association, c/o Andover Fire Department, 32 N. Main St., Andover, 01810.

There were no calling hours. Following cremation, a private memorial service will be held at the family's convenience.

Arrangements are by Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry, N.H.

Frances J.  
Hourihan

Formerly of Roslindale

Frances J. (Pino) Hourihan, 85, of Andover and formerly of Roslindale, died Tuesday, March 8 at Mary Immaculate Nursing & Restorative Center in Lawrence.

Mrs. Hourihan was born in Boston.

She was the widow of Francis G. Hourihan.

Members of her family include her son, Vincent Hourihan, and his wife, Margaret, of Andover; brother, John Pino of Hyde Park; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mary Immaculate Nursing & Restorative Center, 0 Bennington St., Lawrence, MA 01841.

A memorial service will be held at Mary Immaculate Nursing & Restorative Center at a later date.

Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

## Beatrice I. Dow

Was raised in Shawsheen

Beatrice I. (Scott) Dow, 97, of Methuen, died Sunday, March 6 at Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

She was born in England and was raised in both Shawsheen in Andover and in Methuen. She had lived in Methuen since about 1914.

At one time, Mrs. Dow had worked at the former Ayer Mills of Lawrence. Before retirement, Mrs. Dow had worked at the former Methuen Diner and Mackenzie's Diner, both of Methuen. She was a member of the former Faith United Methodist Church in Methuen, where she sang in the choir until the age of 90, and belonged to the United Methodist Women's

Group.

She was most recently a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Lawrence.

She was a former member of the Lawrence Ladies Elks bowling team as well as the Twilights bowling team. She bowled until she was 91.

She was the widow of George E. Dow.

Members of her family include her daughter, Carol A., and her husband, Donald P. McDougall, of Methuen; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, March 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen.

Funeral services will be today, Thursday, March 10 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. The burial will follow in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Methuen.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ United Methodist Church, 207 Haverhill St., Lawrence, MA 01841.

Francis J.  
Hill Jr.

Longtime resident served  
on School Committee

Francis J. Hill Jr., 76, a longtime Andover resident, died Wednesday, March 2, at the Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Born in Bridgeport, Conn., he worked for many years as an engineer at the Raytheon Co., retiring in 1997 from the Tewksbury plant.

Mr. Hill was a longstanding member of West Parish Church, did volunteering for church activities as well as helping the Good Samaritans. In the 1970s he served on the Andover School Committee.

Mr. Hill was also a member of the Chochichewick Lodge AF&AM in North Andover.

Members of his family include a son, Alan Hill and his wife Leslie of Hampton Falls, N.H.; two daughters, Cathy Hill and her husband Manny Batista of Westford, and Lauren Hill and her husband James Sanner of Newfields, N.H.; a sister, Janice Hill Mix of Claremont, Calif.; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association, Massachusetts Chapter, 720 Harrison Ave., Suite 707, Boston, MA 02118; or the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts, 294 Washington St., 5th floor, Boston, MA 02108.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

## OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

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plans so that South will be able to handle a surge in student population greater than school officials are predicting.

Although all asbestos will be removed from South and Sanborn elementary schools during the construction projects there, the School Building Committee is considering encapsulating the existing asbestos at AHS.

Voters will have plenty of decisions to make at the April Town Meeting, as selectmen voted Monday night at Town Offices to insert a total of 74 articles onto the warrant with Recreation Park improvements.

The Andover Conservation Commission invites the public to its annual conservation overseers meeting Tuesday, March 14, in West Elementary School Auditorium, on Beacon Street, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Editorial: The *Townsmen* applauds the Board of Selectmen for reaffirming its support for the Field of Dreams youth center project at Rec Park. Selectmen Larry Larsen and Jerry Silverman backed up their Feb. 27 words of support with an endorsement of the town's proposed \$100,000 contribution.

The School Committee will hold a public hearing on its budget during its next committee meeting March 14. The meeting will begin earlier than usual, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the School Committee room on the second floor of the school administration building.

—Compiled by WHAT'S UP contributor Noelle Petrillo

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# Education

## ON CAMPUS

## Sizing up math

New math: Two opposing schools of thought

By Rita Savard

**T**HE NEW CORE PLUS MATH program being offered to high school freshmen this fall was designed to help students get ahead in math. But groups of parents and scholars remain divided over the program.

"People are well-intentioned in developing new programs, but the cure is worse than the disease," said Greg Bachelis, who has a doctorate in mathematics and teaches math at Wayne State University in Michigan. "The problem is mainly a mentality that one size fits all."

Stories of top high school math students being placed in remedial college classes, depending on calculators and lacking basic algebra skills have led to demands for a back-to-basics approach in other towns that have implemented Core Plus math, he said.

Bachelis conducted an independent study of Core Plus math students at a different Andover High School - in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

He said the results there were disturbing. Out of 23 students at Wayne State, who graduated from Andover High School in Michigan after four years of Core Plus Math, all but one were placed in remedial math courses after taking college entrance exams.

One student that had placed in intermediate algebra later withdrew from the course to enter remedial math.

But Donna Pappalardo, head of the Andover High School Math Department, advises that the large groups of students needing remedial college math courses is what prompted the creation of new math approaches such as Core Plus.

"Huge numbers of students have been going into remedial math for a long time, even without having Core Plus," said Pappalardo. "This is the reason why we've been looking into alternatives."

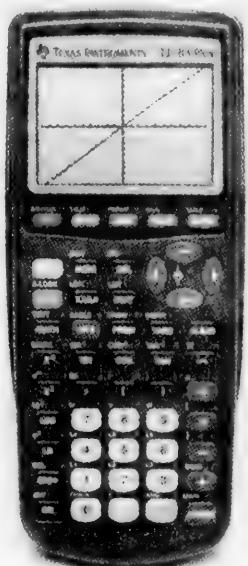
### Background

Core Plus, and its middle-school predecessor Connected Math, are just two examples among the many new methods in teaching math that were developed primarily to help students' understanding of mathematical applications. Such new

### Sanborn Spring Scholastic Book Fair next Thursday

The Sanborn School Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be open to the public during a special evening book fair next Thursday, March 17 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Proceeds from the book fair will go toward the improvement of individual classroom libraries and the school library.



Some parents worry that their students will become totally dependent on calculators, lacking fundamental skills after taking the Core Plus math program.

programs, for kindergarten through grade 12, are devised, tested and approved by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, through federal funding provided from the National Science Foundation.

But the reliability of new teaching techniques to adequately prepare students for college-level and "real-world" math applications has been the subject of controversial "math wars" in Andover and abroad.

"Many colleges have not bought into all of the ideals that high school (math) reformers have," said Bachelis. "It's not a surprising conclusion that if you train a large group of people in one thing, and they do well in it where they're at, that they will then perhaps go somewhere else and not perform as well."

After Core Plus made its debut in Bloomfield Hills in the mid '90s, it has since been eliminated from the school district's math curriculum, Bachelis said.

### Opposing views

For Bachelis, and other scholars, including Sandra Stotsky and David Klein, who initially studied and rejected Core Plus for California's statewide curriculum, new methods in teaching math contain too many content gaps and create crutch dependencies, such as relying on calculators.

"Your first year of college chemistry is all algebra," Bachelis

added. "You cannot replace algebra with a calculator. While calculators are a part of mathematical life, they shouldn't replace everything else."

Another vocal opponent of new math programs, David Klein, who has a doctorate in mathematics and teaches at the University of California at Northridge, has written several articles about the defects in new math programs. Partnering with mathematicians, scientists and engineers, Klein fought in California's statewide math war, that ultimately concluded Core Plus didn't add up for students.

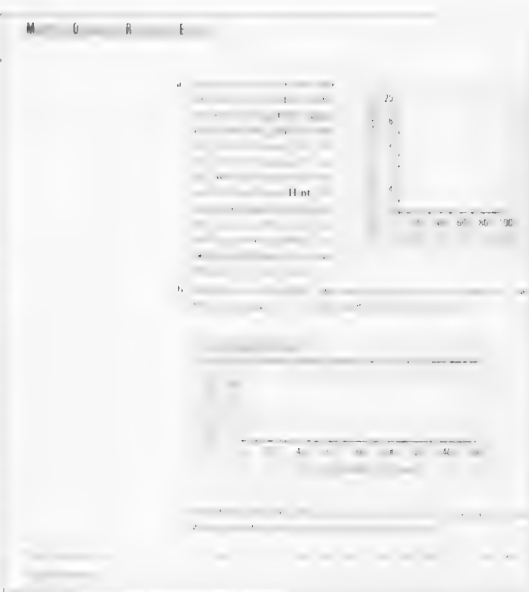
"The standard algorithms (procedures for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of numbers) are missing from the new curricula," said Klein, stressing that the shortcuts in new programs make a genuine illumination of important mathematical concepts rare.

### Support for Core Plus

Core Plus math teaches students how algebraic formulas apply to real-life situations, as opposed to traditional math that stresses the role of learning of formulas, said Pappalardo, of Andover High's math department.

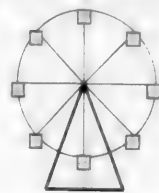
"There's a history of students who struggle with math and a history of students who don't struggle, but still do not retain anything they learn," said Pappalardo. "A lot of people have a negative experience with math overall. We're trying to give these students a positive experience in math and help them to find the value of mathematics in their lives."

An advocate of new math programs, Pappalardo said extensive research studies done on these programs developed by teachers for teachers, show students improving their overall understanding in various math



(Top and bottom) Following a problem-solving structure called Modeling, Organizing, Reflecting, Extending (MORE), students learn to solve real-world math problems, such as the height of riders on a Ferris wheel, graphed over time (in seconds).

3. The test team found the students were able to solve the problem using the MORE process. They were able to model the situation, organize the information, reflect on the situation, and extend the solution to find the answer. What are the most important skills in the MORE process?



concepts.

Pappalardo's statistics contradict her opponents' findings, revealing that the majority of students tested who studied under Core Plus excelled in advanced-level math classes.

"Mathematicians are people who were successful in math in traditional programs and are not necessarily math educators," said Pappalardo. "Some mathematicians are pure mathematicians doing research, and there are some who teach high-level college and graduate students. Not all of them are familiar with teaching and reaching out to high school-level students. We're trying to provide (the students) with methods that ensure their success in math."

The Andover High School math department conducted a thorough study of Core Plus math before deciding to use it, Pappalardo said.

"If we detect that students have gaps in understanding, our teachers are professional enough to develop supplementary materials to fill in the gaps, but I don't see any gaps happening," she said. "We studied the curriculum fairly extensively and wouldn't have selected a program where there would be gaps."

While the Connected Math Program has become the sole source of math in Andover middle schools, replacing even advanced-level math, Pappalardo said there are no current plans to do the same at the high

school.

"If there is a program that people want, there is no plan to eliminate it," Pappalardo said.

### Parents split

Paula Bakies, who has a child entering the ninth grade in the fall, hopes that her child will have options. Bakies, who had one student go through traditional math in the middle school, and one studying under new math, prefers the older teaching methods.

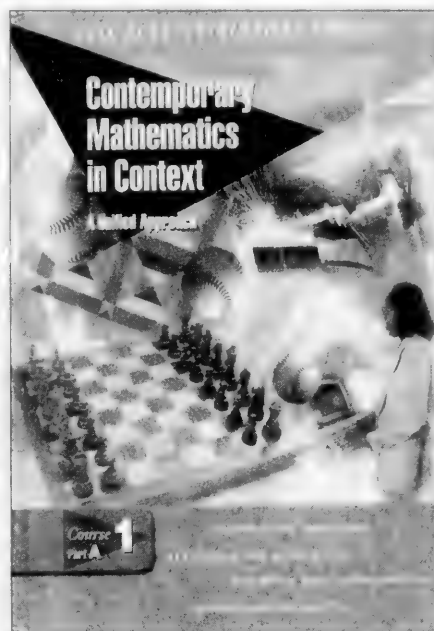
Since Connected Math was introduced at the middle school, Bakies has brought her child to a tutor to ensure he doesn't fall behind.

Other parents like Susan Conway, are pleased that Core Plus is being integrated into the high school to give students at different levels more choices.

"Every child learns differently," said Conway, who also has a student entering ninth grade in the fall. "I think it's fabulous that the high school is going to offer two different kinds of math. It will help more parents find something that best suits their child's needs."

But opponents of the new math ponder what education will look like in another five years, when younger students become more disconnected from traditional teaching methods.

"No other country ahead of us in math could use the (math) material we use and still be ahead," said Sandra Stotsky, a professor at Northeastern University and former senior associate commissioner in the state Department of Education from 1999 to 2003. "The substance of what students are learning in new math programs has been watered down by about two grades. We're leaving students behind."



Contemporary Mathematics in Context, for ninth-graders, is part of the Core Plus Math Program.

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## ON CAMPUS

## ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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**Meredith Johnson**, daughter of Peter and Nancy Johnson, is a first-year psychology major.

**Sean Platt**, son of Timothy Platt and Cheryl McKeough of Andover, is a first-year exploratory major.

Students who complete a minimum of 12 credits and achieve a grade-point average of at least 3.4 at the end of a semester are recognized for their scholarship by inclusion on the dean's list.

Andover residents **David Baletsa** and **Michael Shyu** were named dean's scholars at Syracuse University. Dean's scholarships at Syracuse University are awarded to entering first-year and transfer students and recognize outstanding academic achievement.

Baletsa is enrolled in Syracuse University's L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science, majoring in computer science.

Shyu is enrolled in Syracuse University's School of Architecture, majoring in architecture.

To receive a dean's scholarship, students must have strong academic credentials in high school, be active in extracurricular and community activities, and demonstrate good character and citizenship.

As part of Northeastern University's continuing commitment to diversity, it

announced the establishment of the Asian American Center, and the appointment of **Andrew Shen** to the position of director.

Shen will build and sustain an effective infrastructure that supports the advancement of the new Asian-American Center. Prior to joining Northeastern, he has served on the faculty of Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School and Primary Source in Watertown.

While teaching in Sudbury, Shen founded and participated in the work of several committees centered around race and ethnicity. He also designed and implemented a new course entitled "The Promised Land: The Changing Face of Race, Ethnicity and the American Dream."

Shen holds an MAT degree in history and education, and an AB degree in educational studies and modern United States history from Brown University, where he was also employed as a research assistant in the Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America.

The son of Linda and Ty Shen, he is a graduate of Andover High School, in the class of 1995.

The center is designed to enrich the experience of Asian-American students and



Andrew Shen

the entire university by contributing to an understanding of the cultural heritage and the dynamics of multicultural life experiences and perspectives. The center is a culmination of Northeastern's dedication to ensuring academic, personal, social, cultural and professional growth of Asian-American students in a context that fosters student success.

The Asian-American Center will be multi-functional in providing support, cultural enrichment opportunities and assistance to student, faculty and staff of Asian descent. The Center will foster a better understanding and appreciation of Asian American cultures and experiences in addressing issues of diversity, ethnicity, and race within the university community.

According to a press release, "The center's establishment furthers the vision of a dynamic, culturally diverse institution. The president's Asian American Advisory Group identified the need for an Asian American Center and students endorsed the need through a variety of student organizations. We are proud to bring this new entity to life, with Mr. Shen's leadership."

Shen began his appointment Feb. 22. He and his wife, Melissa, live in Sudbury.

The following Andover students have been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Stonehill College in Easton: **Susannah M. Araujo**, class of 2005; and **Joseph K. Conley**, class of 2008.

## MERRIMACK HONORS



COURTESY PHOTO

Two Merrimack College professors were able to conduct important research and then present their preliminary findings at the YAS Corp. Faculty Fellowship Presentations last fall at Merrimack College, with support from Rouzbeh Yassini, founder and CEO of YAS Broadband Ventures. From left are: Rouzbeh Yassini, Jane Morton, associate professor of accounting and finance, and Josephine Napolitano, associate professor of biology. The professors' research focused on creating ethical business leaders (Morton), and on mitochondria being used in cancer treatment (Napolitano). Each was given a \$10,000 award by Yassini to be used in their research efforts.

## LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, March 14-18:

## Elementary schools

**Monday:** Sloppy joes with fries, chocolate chip pancakes with sausage, pizza stick with soft pretzel, boxed breakfast, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Tuesday:** Baked macaroni and cheese with green beans, baked chicken nuggets, pizza ring, bagels and string, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Beefy burritos with salsa and rice, nachos with taco meat and cheese sauce, personal pizza, chef's salad with garlic bread, fudge bar, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Thursday:** Spaghetti and meatballs, french toast with hashbrowns, hot dog on a roll, Trix Day, chocolate pudding, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Friday:** Chicken meschool with fries, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, chicken caesar salad, fruit, veggie and milk.

## Middle schools

**Monday:** American chop suey, stuffed crust pizza, two hot dogs with chips, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Tuesday:** Sloppy joes with fries, bakery pizza, chicken caesar salad, jello, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Roast turkey dinner, stuffed crust pizza, beef-and-cheese sub, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Thursday:** Two beefy burritos, chef's salad with garlic bread, french toast with sausage, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Friday:** Two toasted cheese sandwiches with chips, stuffed crust pizza, steak and cheese pocket, fruit, veggie and milk.

## Andover High School

**Monday:** Meatloaf with mashed potato and green beans, chicken, broccoli and ziti, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Tuesday:** Chicken and gravy over rice, lasagna, stuffed crust pizza, jello, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Roast turkey dinner, meatball sub, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Thursday:** Two beefy burritos with rice, spaghetti and meat sauce and roll, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Friday:** French toast with hashbrowns, baked macaroni and cheese, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Premium lunch choices are served daily at the middle schools and Andover High. AHS also offers a Courtyard Barbecue featuring grilled food; the Collins Center Café; Pastabilities; and a Market Basket cart with other food choices daily.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Karen Pappa, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

Two named to key posts at Phillips Academy  
Roberts new secretary of academy; Koh to head up AGB

Barbara Landis Chase, head of school of Phillips Academy, has announced the appointment of Elizabeth Roberts as Andover's new secretary of the academy.



Elizabeth Roberts

Roberts has been vice president for development at Northeastern University.

In her new role at Phillips, she will head "a very effective team in the Office of Academy Resources at a time of great opportunity and challenge as we work through the alumni, fund-raising and communications implications of the 2004 Strategic Plan," said Chase. "Libby Roberts comes to the position with a wealth of relevant experience, high praise from those who have worked with her and signal enthusiasm about joining the Andover community."

Her prior experience includes serving as director of individual gifts for the Boston Symphony, director of development at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and director of the Harvard Law School Fund.

A graduate of Dartmouth College with a religion major, and among the first classes of female graduates, Roberts was an alumni volunteer and returned to her alma mater as

associate director of the Dartmouth Alumni Fund, a position she held for four years in the early 1980s.

Her volunteer activities include work at Trinity Church, Boston, where she served as co-chair of the Special Gifts Committee, a member of the Stewardship Committee and co-chair of the Membership Committee.

She is also on the board of directors of the Boston Ronald McDonald House.

Beginning with the fifth reunion, she has served on every reunion committee of her class at Dartmouth.

Roberts will begin her duties at Phillips Academy on March 21.

## Claudia Arrigg Koh

Claudia Arrigg Koh of Andover has been named to head Phillips Academy's Annual Giving Board, on which she has been a member since 1995, serving as co-chair since 2002.

In that role, she will serve as a member of Phillips Academy's board of trustees. The AGB advises the academy on fund-raising policy and strategies for the annual class and reunion giving campaigns.

A member of the Abbot Academy Association board of directors since 2000, Arrigg has been on the Alumni Council since 1995 and on its Executive Council since 2002. She stepped up to her new role as alumni trustee in July. Her past affiliations saw her

as head agent for her class, vice chair of Campaign Andover and chair of the Non Sibi Association.

Arrigg has held numerous local leadership positions, including work as a trustee of East Rock Institute, chief of ophthalmology and executive board member of Holy Family Hospital, executive board member of the Cataract and Laser Center and director of the Bunker Hill Eye Center.

She also was nominated for the Women in Business and Industry Award. Active in many medical professional societies, she has written numerous articles and book chapters in the field of ophthalmology.

Arrigg, an ophthalmologist specializing in cataract and glaucoma surgery, and her husband, Howard K. Koh, also a physician, have two Phillips Academy alumni children, Steven '00 and Daniel '03, and a daughter currently attending the academy, Katherine '05.

Arrigg received a bachelor's degree from Emmanuel College in 1971, a master's degree from Harvard in 1974 and an MD degree from Tufts University in 1978.



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# Sports

## AHS ROUNDUP

# Girls' teams piling up the wins

Girls basketball, hockey making a run; boys basketball stymied by Lawrence, 69-51

By Rick Harrison

Andover High girl athletes – you gotta love 'em.

AHS has one of the strongest girls athletic programs in the state, and this was proven yet again this past week in tough tournament action when the Lady Warriors shone in both individual and team competition.

Gymnasts Libby Fortier, Christina Muccio, Katie Infantine and Becky Robichaud, trackster Rachel Fox and skier Michelle Guy all performed well on State and New England Meet stages.

On the team front, girls basketball and hockey chalked up two impressive tourney victories each as they started serious runs for state titles.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

When it comes to tournament time, the Andover High girls basketball team turns its toughness, poise and resilience up a few notches.

In recent years AHS has thrived in pressure situations, intimidating opponents while pulling out dramatic wins with impressive frequency.

This year's edition is no different, as the younger and much smaller Lady Warriors were unflappable at crunch time while registering a pulsating 46-44 victory over host Acton-Boxboro in the Division 1 North Tournament quarterfinals.

That win, along with a 55-38 first-round triumph over Lawrence, advanced the locals into a dream semifinal matchup with Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 archrival Central Catholic.

The semifinal was originally scheduled for this past Tuesday night, but because of the snowstorm it was postponed until tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at nearby North Andover High.

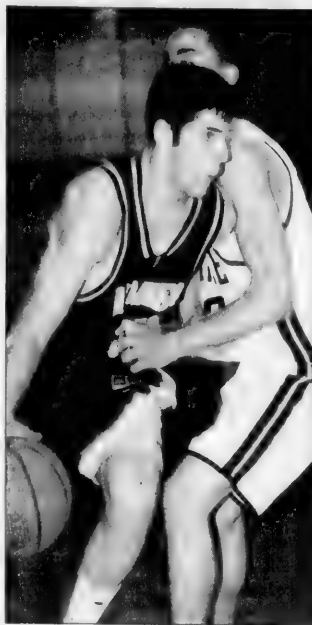
It marks the third time MVC 1 champ Central, the North top seed with an overall record of 19-2, and Andover have met this season.

AHS, 18-4 overall, won the first encounter 47-35 at home on Dec. 17, before Central took the rematch 63-55 on Jan. 28 in Lawrence.

The Raiders finished one game ahead of Andover in the final conference standings.

The same teams collided at the same stage of last year's tourney with Andover pulling out a 47-43 victory.

On the opposite side of the 2005 bracket, the other North 1 semifinal this week had No.



Bobby Hughes drives to the hoop against a Lawrence defender.

2 seed Malden (19-2) versus No. 3 Peabody (20-2) in a battle of Greater Boston League archrivals played last night (Wednesday) after *Townsmen* presstime.

Peabody eliminated Lowell, which split two games with Andover this season, 52-42 in the quarterfinals.

The two semifinal winners collide for the North title this Saturday night at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell (6 p.m.).

By knocking off No. 4 Acton-Boxboro, No. 5 Andover became the tourney bracket buster – the only non-top 4 team to crash the party.

In addition, the two-time reigning Eastern Mass. Division 1 champs have now won 11 of their last 12 tournament games over a three-year stretch.

The faces have changed – with the graduation of such standouts as Jenny Muller, Ashley McLaughlin, Matia Kostakis, Liz Pallotta, Megan Merinder and Samantha Hughes – but the tradition endures.

Two years ago Andover blasted through the tourney to its first state title, beating Central Catholic (62-43), Lynn Classical (53-40),



Head Coach Dave Fazio tries to console his Warriors after their tough 69-51 loss to Lawrence.

Lowell 46-32 in the North final, Newton North 52-44 in the state semifinal and Minnechaug Regional of Wilbraham 48-47 in the memorable state title game at the Worcester Centrum.

Last March Andover trimmed Malden (49-35), Somerville (56-45), Central Catholic (47-43), Lynn Classical 63-57 in the North final and Dartmouth High 57-43 in the state semifinal before losing to Minnechaug 40-39 in the state final rematch at the FleetCenter.

This year's state final is at the Mullins Center on the University of Massachusetts campus in Amherst.

## Tildsley's 200th

The win over Lawrence was the milestone 200th career victory at AHS for head coach Jim Tildsley.

Tildsley's spectacular career record at Andover is 201-33 in just 10 years (.859 winning percentage).

## Scoring leaders

With a team-high 302 points while playing 21 of Andover's 22 games (14.4 ave.), Jackie Powers has boosted her three-year AHS career total to 759.

In this year's balanced attack, Maggie Cosgrove has 252 points and Meghan Thomann 226 through 22 games.

## All-Conference

Capt. Jackie Powers has been named the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 Player of the Year.

She and sophomore Maggie Cosgrove are also members of the 12-player All-Conference Team, while freshman Meghan Thomann and junior Emily Pallotta were among the 11 players chosen for the MVC Division 1 All-Star squad.

AHS has had the Player of the Year for three straight seasons, with Powers joining Jenny Muller and Ashley McLaughlin.

## DIVISION 1 NORTH TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINAL ROUND

### Andover 46

### Acton-Boxboro 44

The last time these two met on the tournament floor, five years ago in March of 2000, Andover rolled to a 62-36 North quarterfinal round victory.

Faced with a huge height disadvantage this time around, Andover used its skill and savvy to bounce the Colonials (18-4).

"This was a great win for our kids and our conference," said Tildsley. "To go into

Acton's gym and beat a team with that kind of size – speaks volumes for the heart of this group."

Two A-B players, twin towers Liz Tindal (1,000 career points) and Olivia Nagle, are over six feet tall and both had scored 20 or more points in a game numerous times this season with Tindal producing a team-high 35 just three weeks ago.

"We looked like midgets against their six footers. They were huge," said Tildsley. "But we held our own on the boards and got to almost every loose ball. Our pressure defense was the key."

The entire first half was nip and tuck – with numerous lead changes – and it ended in a 19-19 tie.

"Acton went a little more with the zone defense in the second half," said Tildsley. "But we countered by shooting pretty well from the outside."

Andover never lost the lead after grabbing it at the 13:53 mark of the second half.

"We had a couple of lulls on offense but the defense remained consistent," said Tildsley.

One of Meghan Thomann's four three-pointers gave AHS a 31-26 advantage with 12:39 left in the game, and a short time later Jessie Koffman scored a big basket off a terrific setup pass from Maggie Cosgrove.

Thomann then banked in a layup and stuck another three-pointer to boost the lead to 38-29.

But A-B, which ousted Lexington 57-52 in its tourney opener, showed its mettle by creeping back and closing the gap to 41-39 with 2:39 to play.

Andover then used the clock, working the ball around before Cosgrove buried a crucial three.

Nagle countered with a putback and Tindal converted two free throws to trim the AHS lead to one, 44-43.

MVC Division 1 Player of the Year Jackie Powers, who gave up six inches while guarding Nagle tightly all afternoon, came up with a big defensive rebound on a missed layup that would have put the Colonials ahead with 51 seconds left.

"We made six passes to run the shot clock down (to 28 seconds) before finding (Emily) Pallotta alone in the corner," said Tildsley.

Pallotta, showing a flair for the dramatic, responded by hitting 12-footer along the baseline to boost the locals' lead to 46-43.

Tindal was fouled as she missed a layup with five seconds left. She hit one free throw to make it 46-44, and then missed the second on purpose with the rebound batted around

before the ball went out of bounds off A-B.

The Colonials received one final stay of execution with 7.1 seconds of a second on the clock – after AHS made a near-fatal turnover. Powers and Thomann sealed the victory by deflecting the in-bounds pass as time ran out.

While Powers held Nagle well below her season average, 5'6" Jessie Koffman and 5'8" Kelly O'Dea did the same to the 6'2" Tindal.

"Our regulars were outstanding and we had great contributions off the bench from Brittany (Moriarty), Jen Merinder (Katelyn) Caro and O'Dea," said Tildsley.

"O'Dea has stepped up and given us 10 quality minutes in the tournament.

Cosgrove and Thomann shared team and game-high scoring honors with 14 points each, the pair combining for six threes while Cosgrove added six assists, five rebounds, five steals and Thomann five boards, three steals.

Thomann hit 4-of-9 from behind the arc (44 percent).

Powers pumped in seven points and contributed eight rebounds, seven steals and five assists.

Pallotta finished with six points, Koffman four and O'Dea nipped down nine rebounds while also notching a free throw. Laura Renfro passed out three assists.

Tindal and Nagle shared the scoring honors for A-B with 12 points each.

The Colonials outscored Andover 8-3 from the free throw line, going 8-for-16 to the locals' 3-for-4, but a 7-2 edge in three-pointers was pivotal for AHS.

The Lady Warriors had 16 assists on 18 baskets, and scored 24 points off 22 A-B turnovers while committing only 11 turnovers for 11 Acton points.

As expected, the Colonials held a 42-31 edge in rebounds and 24 of their 36 points from the floor came in the paint.

## FIRST ROUND

### Andover 55

### Lawrence 38

It was not an artistic success from Andover's viewpoint – but at tournament time the only thing that really matters is winning and advancing.

"We really struggled in the first half," said Tildsley, whose team had not played in 12 days. "Lawrence out-rebounded us and they were doing everything well."

The Lady Warriors, who annihilated huge underdog Lawrence by 44 points (79-35) in the regular season opener on Dec. 14, found

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### ANDOVER 55, LAWRENCE 38

#### Division 1 North Tournament

#### First Round

#### at Dunn Gym, Andover

**Lawrence** – Mary Sicard 1-0-3, Glennies Morel 7-9-25, Schaufelbil 0-0-0, Tiffany Colon 2-3-6, Stephanie Colon 0-0-0, Barzaga 1-0-2. **Totals:** 11-12-38.

**Andover** – Jackie Powers 5-2-14, Meghan Thomann 2-0-5, Maggie Cosgrove 2-8-12, Brittany Moriarty 1-0-2, Jessie Koffman 1-0-2, Sara Kelleher 0-0-0, Katelyn Caro 1-0-2, Kelly O'Dea 0-0-0, Jen Merinder 1-0-2, Emily Pallotta 4-2-11, Jessie Shields 0-0-0, Laura Renfro 1-0-2, Lauren Hughes 0-0-0, Sam Kenyan 1-1-3. **Totals:** 19-13-55.

**Halftime:** Andover, 20-15. **3-pointers:** A, Powers 2, Thomann 1, Pallotta 1, L. Morel 2, Sicard 1, T. Colon 1. **Rebounds:** A, Powers 8, Cosgrove 6, Koffman 5. **Assists:** A, Powers 5, Pallotta 4, Thomann 3, Cosgrove 2. **Steals:** A, Koffman 6, Thomann 2, Cosgrove 2, Pallotta 2. **Records:** Andover 17-4, Lawrence 10-11.

## ANDOVER 46, ACTON-BOXBORO 44

### Division 1 North Tournament

#### Quarterfinal Round

#### at Acton-Boxboro High

**Andover** – Jackie Powers 2-2-7, Meghan Thomann 5-0-14, Maggie Cosgrove 6-0-14, Brittany Moriarty 0-0-0, Jessie Koffman 2-0-4, Katelyn Caro 0-0-0, Kelly O'Dea 0-1-1, Jen Merinder 0-0-0, Emily Pallotta 3-0-6, Laura Renfro 0-0-0. **Totals:** 18-3-46.

**Acton-Boxboro** – Jill LaForest 2-0-4, Liz Tindal 4-4-12, Kristen Fox 4-0-9, Olivia Nagle 4-4-12, Nadia Tripathi 3-0-7, Mary Gallant 0-0-0. **Totals:** 17-8-44.

**Halftime:** Tied, 19-19. **3-pointers:** A, Thomann 4, Cosgrove 2, Powers 1, AB, Fox 1, Tripathi 1. **Rebounds:** A, O'Dea 9, Powers 8, Thomann 5, Cosgrove 5. **Assists:** A, Cosgrove 6, Powers 5, Renfro 3. **Steals:** A, Powers 7, Cosgrove 5, Thomann 3. **Records:** Andover 18-4, Acton-Boxboro 18-4.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### LAWRENCE 69, ANDOVER 51

#### Division 1 North Tournament

#### Quarterfinal Round

#### at Lawrence

**Andover** – Greg Vetrano 2-2-7, Steve Games 0-0-0, Max Ball 0-0-0, Casey Cosgrove 1-9-11, Sam Ball 0-0-0, Matt Renfro 1-0-3, Luis Carpio 3-0-6, Tyler Carroll 0-0-0, Bobby Hughes 11-2-24. **Totals:** 18-13-51.

**Lawrence** – Hector Paniagua 8-5-22, Ulises Espinal 6-0-14, Alex Oviedo 3-1-8, Joe Burgos 0-3-3, Francis Mayi 5-1-11, Danny Rodriguez 3-0-6, Miguel Suarez 0-1-1, Cesar Espinosa 1-2-4. **Totals:** 26-13-69.

**Halftime:** Lawrence, 33-21. **3-pointers:** A, Vetrano 1, Renfro 1, L. Espinal 2, Paniagua 1, Oviedo 1. **Rebounds:** A, Cosgrove 7, Hughes 6, Renfro 6, Carpio 6. **Assists:** A, Cosgrove 9, Vetrano 3. **Steals:** A, Vetrano 3. **Records:** Andover 15-9 (final), Lawrence 19-2.

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## AHS ROUNDUP

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

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themselves clinging to a precarious 20-15 lead at the break.

Tildsley reportedly read his troops the riot act in the locker room at half-time – and a different AHS team hit the floor at the start of the second half.

A 13-0 run in the opening 3:16 extended the lead to 33-15.

"We rebounded, we ran and I thought we had the game put away," said Tildsley.

But the locals weren't out of the woods yet.

No. 12 seed Lawrence, led by junior All-Conference choice Glen-nies Morel, battled its way back into contention again with an 18-5 burst that trimmed the lead back to five, 38-33.

Morel sparked the rally with a pair of three-pointers and a two on consecutive possessions.

That turned out to be the visitors' last gasp, however, as the locals closed with a 17-5 rush.

"We played well when we had to," said Tildsley. "Jackie Powers made a big difference off the boards in the second half. Her rebounding got us running. And Emily Pallotta had some key steals and played a strong second half defensively."

Powers led three Lady Warriors into double figures with 14 points, and she added a team-high eight rebounds and five assists.

All-Conference Maggie Cosgrove contributed 12 points, eight from the foul line, and had six rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Pallotta tossed in 11 points to go with four assists and two steals.

Meghan Thomann had five points, three assists and two steals, while senior forward Jessie Koffman added five boards and a team-high six steals to go with two points.

Sam Kerivan tossed in three points and Capt. Brittany Moriarty, freshman Katelyn Caro, Jen Merinder and freshman Laura Renfro notched a field goal each.

Morel finished with 25 points for Lawrence and junior All-Conference Tiffany Colon had eight.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

There was very little to second-guess after this one.

The Andover High boys varsity basketball team, which backs down from no one, was simply beaten by a deeper, more experienced opponent.

Lawrence High (19-2), showing why it deserved the top seed in the MIAA Division 1 North Tournament, knocked the Golden Warriors out of the single-elimination party with a convincing 69-51 quarterfinal round defeat.

"We had a one in a 100 shot to beat them," said a disconsolate AHS head coach Dave Fazio, whose team dumped Haverhill 82-70 in the first round. "We lost to a better team."

Lawrence beat us three times this season. They have some great athletes."

The loss snapped a four-game win streak for No. 9 seed Andover, and was only the second in the last nine games as the locals finished the season with a 15-9 record that boosted Fazio's overall mark to 258-106 in 16 years.

There was also much to celebrate. "We've been to the 'dance' 16 straight years," said Fazio. "We just haven't danced with the best-looking girl yet."

The Golden Warriors have reached every stage of the Division 1 North event, including the title game three times and the semifinals three times.

"I'm so, so proud of these kids," said Fazio. "We persevered as a team through some difficult times – including what I went through from a physical standpoint (hospitalized for several days, three games missed) and what Casey (Cosgrove) went through (shattered elbow, 12 games missed)."

"We beat every team we were supposed to beat this season, and I'm very proud of that. We also defeated four that were ranked in the top 20 (BC High, Haverhill, Central Catholic, Acton-Boxboro) on their own floor."

"We play a top 10 schedule every year. We don't avoid anyone. We like it that way because it's what the kids deserve," said Fazio. This season we played those high-caliber teams and won 15 games with 10 underclassmen on the roster.

"Our state championship flag is the caliber of people we develop. Kids that ultimately are successful on and off the court after they leave our program. That's more important than any banner we could hang."

AHS will return its top three scorers next year while graduating only two seniors, Steve Games and Matt Renfro.

"We must recognize our two selfless seniors one more time," said Fazio. "Steve and Matt 'get it.' They understand what team and sacrifice is about. They were quiet leaders and I'm proud to have been their coach."

## Scoring leaders

Greg Vetrano pumped in 542 points in 24 games for a hefty 22.6 ppg average. With 15 points as a freshman and 118 last year as a sophomore, Vetrano has boosted his career total to 675.

The junior guard is pretty much assured of becoming the second member of his family to score 1,000 career points provided he stays healthy.

Brother Chris is the all-time AHS points leader, and the school's only 2,000-point scorer, having graduated last spring with 2,090 including 559 last year.

Bobby Hughes also averaged in double figures this season with 295 points (12.3 ave.), as did Casey Cosgrove with 192 points in just 12 games (16.0).

## All-Conference

Greg Vetrano and Bobby Hughes are two of the 13 players named to the 2004-05 MVC All-Conference Team, while Casey Cosgrove was voted to the 12-player All-Star squad.

## DIVISION 1 NORTH TOURNAMENT

QUARTERFINAL ROUND  
Lawrence 69  
Andover 51

The visiting Golden Warriors had an early 10-6 lead when Bobby Hughes, who had a monster game and paced all scorers on the night with 24 points, picked up his third foul.

"There's no question that hurt us," said Fazio. "I had to put Bobby on the bench – but against Lawrence I had to take a shot and put him back in pretty quickly."

Hughes eventually fouled out late in the game – but not until he hit 11-of-21 floor shots and kept the Golden Warriors in contention. He also collected six rebounds.

The lightning-quick Lancers did a good job against Andover's tops-in-the-conference backcourt of Casey Cosgrove and Greg Vetrano, holding the pair to a paltry three field goals and a combined 18 points.

Cosgrove finished with 11 points, including 9-of-15 from the free throw line, and added nine assists and seven rebounds.

Vetrano was limited to a season-low seven points, three assists and three steals.

Sophomore Luis Carpio contributed six points and six boards, while Matt Renfro buried a three-pointer and snagged six rebounds.

Andover hit 18-of-51 field goal attempts (35 percent), including only 2-for-13 from behind the arc (15 percent).

The locals were also 13-for-19 from the stripe.

The 51 points tied AHS' fourth-lowest total for the season.

MVC Division 2 Player of the Year Hector Paniagua paced Lawrence with 22 points, while Ulises Espinal netted 14, Francis Mayi 11 and sophomore All-Conference Alex Oviedo eight.

Lawrence led 33-21 at the half.

The MVC Division 2 champion Lancers, despite drawing a first-round bye, didn't look rusty against AHS whom they defeated twice before by 74-54 in the Christmas Tournament semifinals on Dec. 28 and 64-50 on Jan. 9 during the regular season.

## GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Maria Nasta scored her school-record sixth hat trick of the season, and broke her own single-season mark for goals, as the Andover High girls varsity hockey team blanked over-matched Norwood, 6-0, in a State Division 2 Tournament first-round game at Stoneham Arena.

Nasta then pumped in two more goals, including the game-winner with just 1:18 left in regulation, as the Lady Warriors came from behind to ice Barnstable, 3-2, in quarterfinal round play Tuesday afternoon at the new Foxboro Sports Center.

Those victories moved the AHS skaters, the Metro North League champions and No. 3 seed in a 19-school tourney field, into a "frozen four" semifinal round game against St. Mary's High of Lynn.

"We were so much bigger and faster than Norwood," said Andover head coach Bill McCarthy. "They were coming off an emotional overtime win against Everett (4-3), but even considering a letdown on their part we really outplayed them."

"Our girls were very quiet on the bus ride to the game – and I could tell they were ready. But getting all fired up – and then winning big over a weaker opponent – had me a little concerned. It's a game that could have hurt us because it was so easy."

The cakewalk then carried over to a lackluster practice on Monday.

"We had a bad practice before Barnstable – but sometimes that's a good sign," said McCarthy.

The coach was right, because the locals followed the Norwood hood-hummer with an excellent effort against Cape Cod foe Barnstable.

The Red Raiders, seeded No. 6 and 16-3-2 entering the game, had edged No. 11 Falmouth 2-1 in their overtime tourney opener.

"One of the great things about this group is they don't know how to bag it," said McCarthy. "They never quit. They play hard right to the final buzzer in every game – including our two losses."

"We had a definite game plan going in against Barnstable and we stuck to it at the beginning. Later in the game I thought we lost our composure a couple of times and became sluggish. But when we needed to pick it up at the end – the kids came through."

The win made the bus ride home from Foxboro – three hours through the snowstorm – a lot more comfortable.

Catholic Central League co-champ and No. 2 seed St. Mary's of Lynn (19-1-2) is a very worthy semifinal opponent.

The Lady Spartans, who play several Division 1 teams during the regular season, have posted back-to-back tournament shutouts over Waltham (2-0) and Winchester (4-0).

"I think the two best teams in Division 2 are Andover and St. Mary's,"

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## PLAYERS OF THE FORTNIGHT



The 2004-05 Andover High School girls and boys varsity basketball teams' winners of the Baystate Financial Services Player of the Fortnight Award posed recently with financial consultant Ronald R. Hill of Baystate Financial Services and their coaches. Front row, from left, are: Max Ball, Bobby Hughes, Greg Vetrano, Steve Games, Sam Ball and Matt Renfro. Back row: Coach Jim Tildsley (girls team), Jen Merinder, Brittany Moriarty, Jessie Shields, Maggie Cosgrove, Ron Hill of Baystate Financial, Jessie Koffman, Jackie Powers, and Coach Dave Fazio (boys team).

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## AHS ROUNDUP

## GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

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said McCarthy. "We're definitely the most balanced. The teams on the other side of the bracket each depend a lot on one player."

That pair, defending state champ and No. 9 Westford Academy (14-4-4) and No. 4 Mt. St. Joseph (19-3), will do battle in the other semifinal.

At *Townsmen* deadline, the day, time and site of those games had not been announced.

The state title game is set for Friday, March 18 at Boston University's Walter Brown Arena (6 p.m.).

AHS was 20-2 overall after the Barnstable victory with the only losses, both by one goal, to Westford (2-1) and Lincoln-Sudbury (3-2).

It is the first 20-win season in the short history of the program.

Andover girls varsity hockey teams won sport a flashy 56-16-8 won-lost-tied record over the last four seasons.

Last March Andover reached the state tourney semifinals, beating Marblehead (10-2) and Wilmington (4-2) before bowing out with an 4-3 overtime loss to Wellesley.

## Scoring leaders

Maria Nasta, whose 36 goals and 54 points last winter were school single-season records, has surpassed that total this year with 40 goals and 21 assists for 61 points to rank among the top scorers in the state.

She now boasts career totals of 90 goals and 54 assists for 144 points.

Nasta is far from a one-girl show, as sophomore Becky Cairns has 18 goals, 37 assists for 55 points. Cairns is well on her way to 100 career points with 93 in two seasons.

STATE DIVISION 2 TOURNAMENT  
QUARTERFINAL ROUND  
Andover 3  
Barnstable 2

Maria Nasta got AHS off to another quick start with a goal 21 seconds into the game.

Alison Burns had the assist on the tally which came on a set play off the faceoff.

"Maria skated north to south off the draw, instead of east to west, and took a wide route to the net," explained coach McCarthy. "With her speed she beat their defense, leaped in and got to the goalie alone."

The 1-0 lead held until 10:57 of the second period when Barnstable's Meghan Grace converted a pass from Stephanie Scarpato into the tying goal.

The Red Raiders took their first and only lead at 4:17 of the third when Michelle Manning connected to make it 2-1.

But the advantage didn't last long. A scant 35 seconds later (4:52) Burns tied the game, 2-2, with setups to Becky Johnson and Nasta.

The play was similar to the one on Nasta's opening goal, except this time when Nasta saw Burns had been left alone she passed the puck across for a one-timer into the back of the Red Raiders' cage.

The winning goal by Nasta, her 40th of the season at 13:42 of the

third, was unassisted as she split the Barnstable defense and escaped on a clean breakaway capped by a wrist shot past Barnstable goalie Natalie Cohen.

Four seconds later (13:46) Andover picked up a tripping penalty - and when the Raiders pulled Cohen it created a 6-on-4 power play for the final 74 seconds of the game.

"We had some outstanding penalty killing at the end, especially by Becky Cairns, and Christina Cahill came up with a big save," said McCarthy.

"Cairns played both forward and defense and double-shifted for most of the game," noted McCarthy. "We shortened the bench quite a bit near the end with Cairns, Burns, Nasta, Johnson, Liz Roda and Jacqui Munro playing the final four minutes."

The Lady Warriors finished with a 19-12 shooting edge as Cahill made 10 saves and Cohen finished with 16 stops.

The usually-sharp AHS power play took the collar with an 0-for-6 performance.

"It was a game we easily could have lost if the girls had faded when we got behind," said McCarthy. "They didn't and now we're two wins away from a state title."

## FIRST ROUND

Andover 6  
Norwood 0

The Lady Warriors netted three goals in each of the first two periods, before resting several top players for the scoreless third stanza.

Sophomore forward Alison Burns opened the scoring just 35 seconds into the game, with Nasta assisting, and goals by 8th-grader Rebecca Lindmark (8:04) and Nasta (14:24) made it 3-0 after one period.

In the middle session, Nasta sandwiched a pair of goals at 4:35 and 9:18 around one by 8th-grader Heather Paonessa (6:28).

"Maria took the puck and swung wide from behind the net on her second goal, blasting a hard shot home," said McCarthy. "It's a move she should use more often. It was a pure goalscorer's goal."

Paonessa took a pass from Cairns and one-timed the puck home on her goal, while Nasta completed her latest trick on the power play.

Cairns finished with three assists and Capt. Jacqui Munro, sophomore defenseman Becky Johnson, Nasta, Lindmark and Heather Paonessa added one setup each.

Among those playing well for the locals in the third period were forwards Kristen Costagliola, Amy Marlow, Liz Sambuco, Jeanette Doucette and Sarah Ostrofsky.

Christina Cahill (37 minutes) and Rachel Bergan (eight minutes) combined for their second shared shutout and the team's fifth whitewash.

Andover's total domination is apparent in its huge 38-4 shooting edge.

No. 14 seed Norwood, a third-year varsity team, finished the season at 13-9 overall.

GIRLS  
GYMNASTICS

Andover High senior Capt. Libby Fortier placed second on the uneven bars while she, freshman Christina Muccio and junior Katie Infantine brought home two medals each with strong performances at the 2005 MIAA State Individual Girls Gymnastics Championships held at Beverly High.

In her final high school meet, Union College-bound Fortier registered a 9.2 on bars to place second in a field of 45 gymnasts.

The only higher score went to Courtney Landry of Danvers who had a 9.35.

Fortier also added an eighth in the vaulting competition with an 8.7.

Muccio and Infantine tied for fourth place on bars, both with 8.95, while Muccio also tied for sixth in vault at 8.925 and Infantine was 10th in floor with 8.85.

The top 10 finishers in each event were medalists.

Muccio competed in floor and scored 8.825.

Infantine, nursing a foot injury (bad bruise) suffered in a recent workout with her club team, scored an 8.65 on balance beam.

Sophomore Becky Robichaud also qualified for states on beam and recorded an 8.5.

"It was a terrific showing by all four girls," said AHS coach Julie Chapman. "Libby was so close. How cool would it have been if she had become the state champ on bars."

"Katie wanted to defend her (state) title on beam - but the foot was killing her and it definitely affected her per-

formance.

"Christina did a great job, especially for a freshman getting her first taste of this meet," added Chapman.

Andover will graduate seven seniors from a team that went 9-1 in dual meets, placed second in the Merrimack Valley Conference Championship Meet, second in the North Sectionals and took fifth at the State Team Meet.

In addition to Fortier, other seniors are Capt. Meghan Hammetton, Lauren Reed, AnnMarie Cashman, Alja Nicholson, Sheria Tayeh and Lisa Bernstein.

"We're going to take a huge hit, especially on bars," said Chapman. "But something good always happens to fill the gap. There are always surprises - and we've heard that a freshman who competes at Level 9 will be among the new kids next season. I don't even know her name yet but she'll be a welcome addition."

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## GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

## ANDOVER 6, NORWOOD 0

## State Division 2 Tournament

## First Round

## at Stoneham Arena

Norwood 0  
Andover 6  
FIRST PERIOD: 1. A. Alison Burns (Maria Nasta), 0:35; 2. A. Rebecca Lindmark (Becky Cairns, Heather Paonessa), 8:04; 3. A. Nasta 36 (Jacqui Munro), 14:24.  
SECOND PERIOD: 4. A. Nasta 37 (Becky Johnson), 4:35; 5. A. HPaonessa (Cairns, Lindmark), 6:28; 6. A. Nasta 38 (Cairns), 9:18 (pp).  
THIRD PERIOD: No scoring.  
Shots on goal: Andover 38, Norwood 4. Goalties: A. Christina Cahill, 37 minutes (3 shots, 3 saves); Rachel Bergan, 8 minutes (1 shot, 1 save). Penalties: Andover 4, Norwood 3. Records: Andover 19-2, Norwood 13-9.

## ANDOVER 3, BARNSTABLE 2

## State Division 2 Tournament

## Quarterfinal Round

## at Foxboro Sports Center

Barnstable 2  
Andover 3  
FIRST PERIOD: 1. A. Maria Nasta 39 (Alison Burns), 0:21.  
SECOND PERIOD: 2. B. Meghan Grace (Stephanie Scarpato), 10:57.  
THIRD PERIOD: 3. B. Michelle Manning (Trenna Fiseo, Kristen Logan), 4:17; 4. A. Burns (Nasta, Becky Johnson), 4:52; 5. A. Nasta 40 (unassisted), 13:42.  
Shots by period: Andover 8-4-7-19, Barnstable 4-4-12. Goalties: A. Christina Cahill (12 shots, 10 saves); B. Natalie Cohen (19 shots, 16 saves). Penalties: Andover 3, Barnstable 6. Records: Andover 20-2, Barnstable 16-4-2.

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## AHS ROUNDUP

**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**  
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**Banquet**

The team banquet is scheduled for

 Monday, April 4 at Andover Country Club.  
 Several awards will be presented

and next year's captains will be announced.

six spot before anchorman Cuomo pulled a hamstring muscle as he approached the final straightaway.

The girls 4x200 sprint relay of senior Capt. Jenny Dlesk, juniors Caroline and Brittany Pierce and senior Capt. Meghan Keefe also ran.

the Lady Warriors were fifth at the All-State Meet (667 points) and in 2002 they placed eighth (526 points).

**Banquet**

The annual ski teams banquet is tonight (Thursday) at Andover Country Club.

**All-State Meet**

Michelle Guy had the top individual finish for AHS, placing 14th among 158 skiers in the slalom race with a 36.84-second time.

Earlier in the day Guy had some tough luck in the giant slalom which she did not finish.

"Michelle went down pretty hard in the GS - but instead of feeling sorry for herself she continued to support her teammates up at the start," noted Busta. "She was giving advice and bringing jackets down to the finish line."

"Then she turned around and pulled off the 14th place in the slalom. She is such an important part of this team."

Other Andover placers in the slalom were Rachel O'Hara (56th, 41.88), Kayla Fosse (63rd, 43.35), Cara Suglia (64th, 43.51) and Colleen Heath (115th, 48.58).

Fosse was the first Andover finisher in the giant slalom, 61st in 52.91, while Suglia was right behind in 63rd place (53.08).

O'Hara tied for 75th in 54.38 and Heath was 114th in 58.14.

"When each girl finished her run you'd think we were winning the state championship - with the support they were getting from their teammates," noted Busta.

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Super sophomore Rachel Fox and the boys 4x400 relay both placed fifth for Andover High at the 18th annual New England Interscholastic Track and Field Championship Meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury.

Fox, who also scored at the All-State and Class A Meets after going undefeated during the Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet season, ran the girls 600 meters in a school-record 1:37.09.

That sizzling performance was a personal-best, eclipsing the existing AHS girls standard of 1:37.23 established by Stephanie Casper in 2003.

It was also a mere one second behind the second-place finisher. Fox was the third Massachusetts runner across the line and one of only two underclassmen in the top five.

Katherine D'Auria of Norwich Free High in Connecticut won the race.

The boys 4x400 quartet of junior Pierre Hage, senior Robert Kaufman, junior Jason Sheldon and senior Vasili Kostakis placed fifth in 3:28.61.

Sheldon stepped in to replace injured Andy Boudreau and ran a 51.7 opening leg.

Xavierian Brothers High of Westwood won the boys 4x400 in 3:26.01.

Two other AHS relays qualified and competed at the New England.

The boys 4x200 sprint relay of Kaufman, Sheldon, Hage and Adam Cuomo was in position to score a top-

**ALPINE SKIING**

The Andover High girls skiers, four-time reigning North Shore League champions and winners of 40 straight dual meets, wrapped up their 2005 season by finishing 12th in a 22-school field at the annual MIAA All-State Alpine Ski Championship Meet at the Berkshire East Resort in Charlemont.

The Lady Warriors chalked up 523 points, including 300 in the slalom where they placed seventh and 223 for 14th in the giant slalom.

The top three teams in the girls division were state champ Shrewsbury with 739 points, runner-up Concord-Carlisle 721 and Monument Mountain 664.

"The 12th-place finish is certainly not what we expected," noted AHS coach Tom Busta. "It was a great learning experience for our young team. As hard as the girls worked this season - and as successful as they were - they now realize we need to turn it up a notch. We can't wait until next year."

This year's captains were seniors Kara Bularzick, Erik Fosse and Doug Heath.

Last winter at states the Andover girls finished 10th in a 22-school field, racking up 535 points, while in 2003

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# Arts & Entertainment

## EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, March 10



Fred Stott

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**No Pain piano workshop.** Frank Dunne's "Learn to play piano in 3 hours" workshop, 6:30-9:30 p.m., fee; for information and registration, call Andover Community Services 978-623-8274.

**Susan B. Anthony - the Invincible!** the one-woman play performed by Andover resident Sally Matson comes to the eighth-graders at Wood Hill Middle School, 1 p.m.; 978-749-9908, or [www.susanbathonytheinvincible.com](http://www.susanbathonytheinvincible.com).

**Red Hat Society,** fastest growing women's group in the country, will meet at Northern Essex Community College to hear about the school's Life Long Learning program, at the library on the Haverhill campus; Charlene Boucher 978-556-3825 or [cboucher@necc.mass.edu](mailto:cboucher@necc.mass.edu).

**Homebased Businesswomen's Network.** "You Are Not Doing Business Until You're Breaking Even," with Cathy Draper of the Math Studio, 11:30 a.m., fee, Village Green Restaurant, Rte. 1 north (Newbury Street), Danvers; Lisa Kowski 978-468-9669.

Friday, March 11

**Opening reception, "Quiet Places,"** a collection of paintings by Irish artists celebrating the regions of Ireland and their intrinsic beauty, 6:30-9:30 p.m., regular gallery hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday and Friday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., and Sunday noon-4 p.m. and by appointment; free admission, handicap access, Lorica Artworks, 90 Main St.; 978-470-1829.

**"Shabbat Unplugged,"** an opportunity to rediscover the spirit of the Sabbath with an evening featuring Idan Irelander, Rabbi Robert Goldstein and guests on guitar, percussion, and violin, traditional Oneg Shabbat of various refreshments follows, open to all, 7:30 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 978-470-1356.

**Wine tasting and auction,** North Shore ARC's 10th annual fundraising event featuring a wide variety of vintages and both live and silent auctions of unique items and experiences donated by area businesses and individuals, 7:30-10 p.m., Lyceum Restaurant in Salem, Mass.; to order tickets, call Becky Landry 978-762-4878, Ext. 2401.

**Opening reception,** exhibition of John Raleigh's pinhole photographs of Plum Island and Newburyport 6-8 p.m., in conjunction with the citywide ArtWalk, free, Valerie's Gallery, 12 State St., Newburyport; [www.valeriesgaleries.com](http://www.valeriesgaleries.com).

**Pete's Dragon,** two performances of the musical tale, produced by South Cooperative Theater, work-

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Saturday, March 12

**Andover storyteller** Magdalen Cantwell will invite the audience to join in Irish stories, songs, and games, 1 p.m., \$10, children \$5, Jimmy Tingle's Off Broadway Theater, 255 Elm St., Davis Square, Somerville; tickets at 617-591-1616, information at 978-470-1885 or [www.jtloffbroadway.com](http://www.jtloffbroadway.com).

**Andover-Lawrence Strings,** a joint program of Phillips Academy and the Lawrence Family Development Charter School, will benefit from a concert featuring the Phillips Academy Cantata Choir and Chamber Orchestra, as well as students of the Andover/Lawrence Strings, performing selections from Bach and Beethoven, 7 p.m., donations (\$10 suggested) accepted at the door, St. Mary's Church, Haverhill Street, Lawrence; Liz Rosario 978-689-9863.

**Fashion Show,** "Cougars on the Catwalk," sponsored by Austin Preparatory School, featuring fashions from such local stores as the GAP, Marshall's, Talbot's, Men's Wearhouse, modeled by students and teachers, 7 p.m., \$5, \$3 students, Multi-purpose facility, Austin Prep, 101 Willow St., Reading; Amy deGaravilla 781-944-4900, Ext. 34.

**Crossroads Coffeehouse,** featuring the "cooler than cool" critically acclaimed a cappella group, Duwende; opening act is BLES, four young women singers from Andover High, doors open 7:15 p.m., concert starts at 8 p.m., \$14, North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover; 978-687-3960 (978-687-7948 evening of concert) or [www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org](http://www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org).

**The Sound of Music,** featuring Andover resident Tim Vincent in the role of Herr Zeller, produced by the Wakefield Repertory Theatre, 8 p.m., \$16, \$13 seniors and students, Galvin Middle School Auditorium, 525 Main St., Wakefield; 781-245-1173, tickets online at [www.ticketstage.com/WRT](http://www.ticketstage.com/WRT), or [www.wakefieldrep.org](http://www.wakefieldrep.org).

**Auditions,** "Acting Out" will hold auditions for Neil Simon's *Plaza Suite* at The Stage, 60 Island St., Lawrence, no prepared material needed; [home.earthlink.net/~actingout/](mailto:home.earthlink.net/~actingout/).

**Pete's Dragon,** 7 p.m., see March 11 entry.

Sunday, March 13

**Stamp Show,** Samuel Osgood Stamp Club Philatelic Exhibition, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., free, Elks Lodge, 652 Andover St., Lawrence; e-mail [rogandue@comcast.net](mailto:rogandue@comcast.net) or [atc@tisc.net](mailto:atc@tisc.net).

**Gallery talk,** Irene Hoffman discusses the motivation behind the gallery exhibit *Girls' Night Out*, as

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Students to perform alongside Tom Rush on Saturday at Merrimack College

## Playing with a musical giant

By Rita Savard

JONI MITCHELL, JACKSON BROWNE AND James Taylor were only kids themselves when Tom Rush introduced their music to audiences packed inside smoky Boston nightclubs and coffeehouses.

More than two decades later, the folk music icon is again taking some fresh new talent under his wing — straight from the halls of Andover High School.

Simple Sam, featuring guitarists Matt Malloy and Vic Lanio, drummer Matt Hogan and bassist Sam Silverman, along with pianist and AHS student Koren Betty, will perform alongside Rush this Saturday at the Merrimack College Rogers Center for the Arts.

Weston High School alto singers Alexandra Siegel and Ali Ritter will join the Andover teens in playing with Rush for five songs that include some of the singer/songwriter's greatest hits.

Rush, who is known for breaking out a few musical legends, as well as some contemporary stars including Shawn Colvin and Alison Krauss, says sharing the stage with Andover's young talent will be a "musical adventure."

The idea behind Saturday's performance was the brainchild of local music promoter Dan Betty. After Betty's daughter, 17-year-old Koren, told him that some of her high school classmates were also Rush fans, he knew he could have fun with the idea, and possibly turn it into something tangible.

During a jam session at the Bettys' New-man Hill Drive home on Monday night, Dan Betty reveled in the sound.



Above (from left), Matt Hogan, Matt Malloy and Vic Lanio of the band Simple Sam rehearse for concert with Tom Rush. (Band member Sam Silverman was not available for the photo). Photo below: Allison Ritter and Alexandra Siegel rehearse for concert with Tom Rush. Students will perform with Rush this Saturday at the Rogers Center.

Listening to Rush's *Jamaica Say You Will*, originally recorded by Jackson Browne, a barefoot Koren Betty, stepped down on the pedals of a baby grand piano as her fingers tapped across the keys. A few moments later, Siegel and Ritter pitched a harmony that added a nice complement behind the sound of Rush's smooth vocal.

"Tom has played with so many musical giants," Betty says, adding that Rush usually performs solo.

"Even though he hasn't played with a band in about 20 years, I'd say most of these guys sound just as good as Tom's original band."

The high-schoolers have only had about a month to prepare for Saturday's show, and, so far, have met and practiced with their headliner just once.

But Rush was

surprised and pleased with what he saw

"They're a very talented bunch of guys and girls, and all of them seem to have an open, adventuresome attitude toward music," Rush says. "A good attitude is at least half the battle. Talent comes into play too, but it's not always enough when you're not willing to take risks."

Part of the experience of performing live, adds Rush, is improvising and allowing yourself to go along with how the music makes you feel.

Simple Sam guitar player, Matt Malloy, hadn't picked up his flute since the seventh grade. But a flute solo in Rush's "Mother Earth" prompted the high school senior to "break out the beast" for another go.

While Malloy has "nailed down" the melody, Rush explains that if any of the kids happen to miss a beat on stage, they'll make up some notes of their own.

"That's how it (playing live) is supposed to work," Rush says.

Rush is no stranger when it comes to performing in front of diverse audiences, but lately he's noticed some changes in his fan base.

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### The Eatin' o' the Green

Irish cuisine is no oxymoron — all it takes is a little imagination and a bit of help from the wee folk

ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY everyone's Irish, but must we eat traditional Irish food? No. Instead, I am seein' green cuisine. We need alternative recipes for the festival on March 17.

Personally, I dislike corned beef. Growing up eating Jewish deli, I longed for foods laced with herbs instead of those brined in salt. Corned beef is just too brackish for my taste buds. I'll eat it, but accompany it with a side dish of complaints.

And cabbage, well, that's another story. We rarely ate cabbage when I was a child. Perhaps it was because my father forbade it's tiny cousin, the Brussels sprouts, from our home. Apparently my father ate nothing but

Brussels sprouts for a week during World War II; over time he associated Brussels sprouts with his assault on Okinawa. Not a happy memory. To appease Dad, the rest of us formed our own secret Marine unit. We headed off unsuspecting waiters in restaurants, removed the vile and treacherous Brussels sprouts from the plates, and thereby were able to win peace at dinner. My husband, Rick, however, broke the NO SPROUTS ZONE by growing them in our vegetable garden. I finally tasted my first Brussels sprouts because of him, and lo and behold, they were not the heathen vegetables I was led to believe. I liked them! But I didn't tell Dad.

So on this St. Patrick's Day I think a new dietetic tradition is in order. I'm replacing the fatty and salty corned beef with a roasted lean flank steak stuffed with spinach, sautéed leeks and dill, sliced as beautiful pinwheels on a vivid green mound of tasty sweet pea mashed potatoes. I'm substituting flavorful roasted Brussels sprouts for the traditional bland boiled cabbage. Finally, for dessert, shades of emer-

ald, jade, sage and Kelly greens meld together in a bowl of honeydew, kiwi, and green grapes gently laced with Midori melon liqueur.

This is a menu perfect for any occasion, impressive enough for dinner guests and simple enough for weeknight family fare. The foods are lean, mean and green! So whether you're celebratin' the season alone or with the entire clan, eatin' green can be everyone's new tradition.

#### GREEN PINWHEEL FLANK STEAK

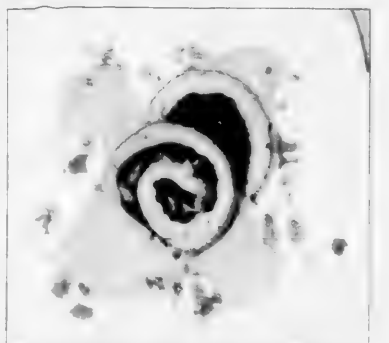
Serves 4

- 1 pound flank steak, trimmed
- 1 10-ounce box frozen chopped spinach
- 1 leek, bottoms and 1"-2" top green part
- 3 cups water
- 3 Tablespoons white vinegar
- 1 Tablespoon chopped fresh dill and/or parsley
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2 6"-8" pieces of kitchen twine

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Cook the spinach according to the directions on the box. Drain and squeeze dry. Set aside.

3. Leeks grow in sand, and the dirt gets trapped between their layers. As I've written in other recipes, the most thorough method to remove the grit is to combine water and vinegar in a large bowl. Slice the leek lengthwise and then soak it in the liquid for a few minutes. Rinse off the leek and let it dry on a paper towel. When dry, thinly slice widthwise. Preheat a sauté pan on medium-high. Add the olive oil and the leek and cook until the leek is softened, about 7-8 minutes, stirring frequently. Add the dill and/or parsley, season with a sprinkle of kosher salt and a few grinds of pepper, and stir to combine. Set aside.

4. Get ready to take out your anger on that lovely piece of meat. Flank steak is by far the leanest cut of meat and therefore can be the toughest and chewiest. Put a piece of plastic wrap over the meat and pound it with a rolling pin, meat pounder or tenderizer, or any other hard, solid item. I have a marble rolling pin and a round, hamburger



The complete green dinner: roasted lean flank steak stuffed with spinach, sautéed leeks and dill, sliced as beautiful pinwheels on a vivid green mound of tasty sweet pea mashed potatoes.

size pounder; they work equally well in tenderizing meat and giving me a headache. Pounding the meat will not flatten it, but the process will break down the tough connective tissue and produce a more tender piece of meat. Remove the plastic wrap and season the tenderized flank steak with a tiny bit of kosher salt and freshly ground pepper.

5. Smear the spinach over the beef. Layer the leek mixture over the spinach.

6. Next, roll the meat as if it were a jellyroll, beginning at the short end. Tie the kitchen twine pieces around the rolled flank steak. Place in a pan and roast at 375 degrees for about 40 minutes (medium-rare). Let the rolled roast sit for 10-15 minutes. Slice into 8 slices, 2 per person.

This flank steak is festive and fun. You can vary the fillings, too, depending on whatever vegetables you have on hand. It is very low-cal and low fat, yet tastes like an indulgence.

#### ROASTED BRUSSELS SPROUTS

Serves 4

- 1-pound fresh Brussels sprouts, or 1 bag frozen Brussels sprouts (may use several pounds; they taste fantastic as leftovers)
- Olive oil (plain or flavored, either is fine)
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

1. Trim the Brussels sprouts, removing

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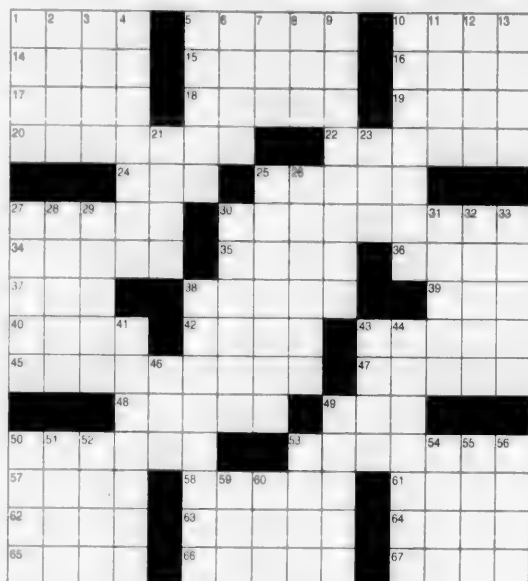
March pays homage to all things Irish with celebrations of the country's traditions and culture. It is also the month that heralds spring, and each year Lorica Artworks, 90 Main St., marks the season's events with an exhibition of new artwork from Ireland, where spring is evident in its 40 shades of green all year long. A new show, "Quiet Places," opens with a reception tomorrow, Friday, March 11 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The featured paintings in this group show (including above, "Fishing in Connemara," by Pat Cowley, oil on canvas, 8 x 10 inches) are portraits of quiet places. Places of solitude, where one can escape to restore inner order, balance and harmony, enable viewers to discover new perspectives. For more information, call 978-470-1829. [Story, page 22]



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## CLUES ACROSS

1. Watery places
5. Amos Alonzo \_\_, U.S. football coach
10. Actuality
14. Antelope
15. Govern the Catholic Church
16. Vegetable oil spread
17. Asian nation
18. Keeps records or accounts
19. Do over, as of a house
20. Body parts
22. Bring into balance
24. Compass pt.
25. Beyond what is natural
27. Caesar, for one
30. Benefactor
34. Dollars (slang)
35. Dry
36. Neat
37. Promotional materials
38. Stick out
39. Not inclined to speak
40. Flat table with steep edges
42. Smell
43. A young canine
45. Disallow
47. Planet
48. Assign a constituent structure to a sentence
49. Wet spongy ground
50. A building sited to command a fine view
53. A female deity
57. \_\_ Clapton, musician



58. Commodities offered for sale
61. An equal exchange
62. Fine ravelings of cotton or linen fibers
63. Enquiries
64. About aviation
65. Marks
66. Crowded
67. A legal document

## CLUES DOWN

1. Remove
2. Clean
3. \_\_ Sandler, actor
4. Ray of light
5. Cause to lose courage
6. Jerks
7. They \_\_
8. Martini ingredient

9. Thirst quencher
10. Surrender
11. Brews
12. Give over
13. Bender
21. Goals
23. Tree
25. External ear
26. Migrant
27. Rascal
28. Flowering tree
29. Lariat
30. Citizens of Riyadh
31. Chronograph
32. Any mature animal
33. A female deity
38. Acquired
41. Looks
43. The dried leaves of the hemp plant
44. Used with one hand for cutting wood
46. Taxi
49. Famous choreographer
50. Informal term for money
51. Song
52. Attack verbally
53. Jewels
54. Pitcher
55. Frock
56. Blemish
59. A way to end
60. Fled

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well as the nature of the work of each of the 10 female artists, 2 p.m., free admission, reception follows, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4037, or rschiller@andover.edu.

**Women's self-defense class**, one-day course covers prevention psychology, survival awareness, prevention tips and practice of physical techniques used in real-life scenarios, noon-4 p.m., \$39, ATA Black Belt Academy/ Karate for Kids, 16 Haverhill St.; Mrs. Gikow 978-749-0880.

**Piano-thon**, the Essex Chamber Music Players present their third annual fundraising concert featuring 10 accomplished pianists from the Greater Merrimack Valley, Beverly, and Boston areas performing classical, jazz, and other styles, including compositions by Bach, Brahms, Chopin, Grieg, and more, 2-4:30 p.m., \$10, \$5 students and seniors, \$25 for families, library conference area, Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill campus; Mike Finegold 978-556-3413 or mfinegold@necce.mass.edu, tickets at the door or online from MVArts.info.

**Opening reception**, exhibition of large-format, black-and-white fine art photographs by Robert Pyle titled "The West of Ireland," on

exhibit through March 23, reception 3-5 p.m., free, Laura Coombs Hills Gallery, 60 Water St., Newburyport; 978-670-9102, www.newburyportart.org.

**The Sound of Music**, 2 p.m., see March 12 entry.

## Monday, March 14

**Feng shui discussion**, sponsored by the American Association of University Women and the Friends of Memorial Hall Library, Mary Roberts, experienced feng shui practitioner and consultant to homeowners, businesses, and schools, discusses the effect clutter has on individuals and provides guidelines for eliminating unnecessary materials and arranging one's environment to improve health, happiness, and prosperity, 7 p.m., free, Memorial Hall Library, One Elm Square; Pat Gorton 978-352-8931.

**PFLAG meeting**, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, providing support, education, and advocacy, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 6 Locke St.; Ralph Galen 978-475-4454.

## Tuesday, March 15

**Museum talk**, Harriet Hornblower speaks on "Rivers of Change: Ethnohistorical Archaeology in Alaska," 7:30 p.m., free, Massachusetts Archaeological Society - Northeast Chapter, R.S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, corner Main and Phillips streets; 978-749-4490.

## Wednesday, March 16

**"Eldercare 101,"** addresses the challenges facing the "sandwich generation" in parenting their parents while caring for their children and themselves, along with specific recommendations, sponsored by the Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel, and featuring Iris Newman, LICSW, of General Psychological Associates, and Kristine Arakelian, LICSW and Pat Becker of the Andover Senior Center, 7:30-9 p.m. Temple Emanuel, 17 Haggetts Pond Rd.; Amy Riemer 978-475-4441.

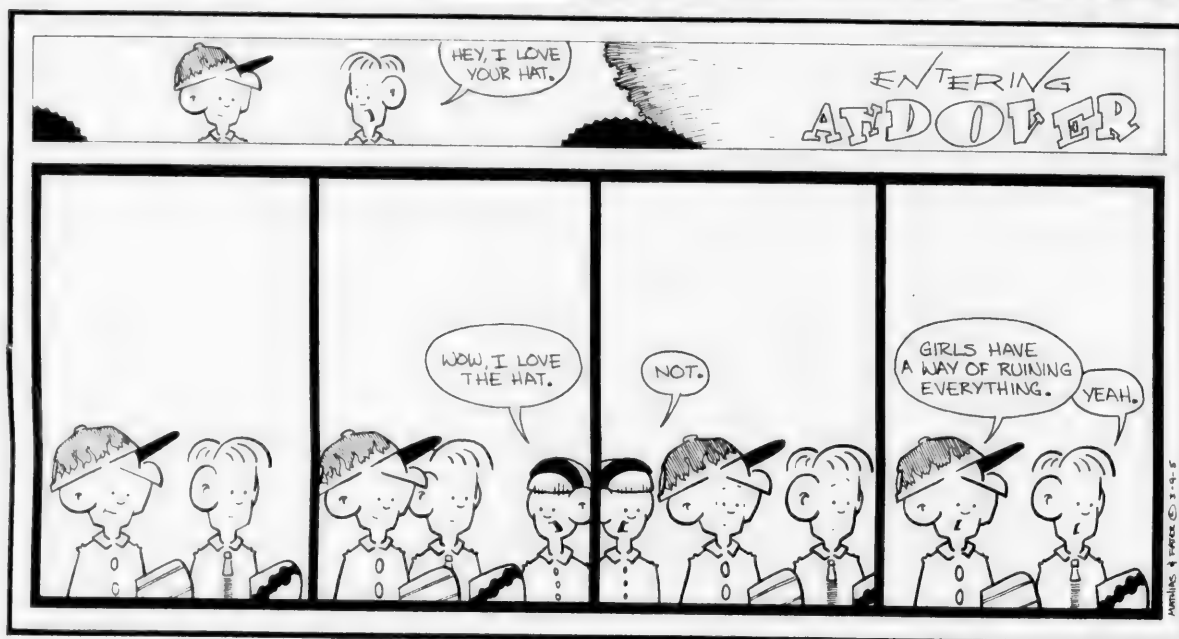
**"The Benefits of Exercise,"** Terry Antico, physical therapist, presents this free program, open to the public, 3 p.m. Marland Place Community Room, 15 Stevens St.; Michelle Muller 978-475-4225.

**Learning in Retirement Association of UMASS Lowell**, for retired and semi-retired individuals, meeting to preview spring semester courses, with an opportunity to sign up, refreshments, 10 a.m. to noon, Fox Hall on the North Campus of UMass Lowell; 978-934-3135.

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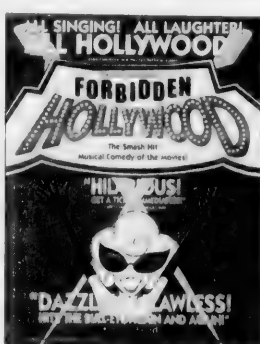
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## Thursday, March 17

**Scholastic Book Fair**, the Sanborn School, proceeds go toward improvement of the school library and individual classroom libraries. 5-8 p.m., the Sanborn School, 90 Lovejoy Rd.; Amy Riemer 978-475-4441.

## Friday, March 18

**State senators' breakfast forum**, "A Report from the Massachusetts State Senate," with Robert E. Travaglini, president of the Massachusetts state Senate, and state senators Sue Tucker of Andover, Steven Baddour, Steven Panagiotakos, and Bruce Tarr, with special guest moderator Bill Ketter, editor-in-chief of the *Eagle-Tribune*; sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, 7:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m., \$20 members, \$30 non-members, Wyndham Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Road; 978-686-0900.



**Forbidden Hollywood**, a new satire from Gerard Alessandrini, creator of the long-running Broadway hit, takes aim at both new and classic films and film stars (Katharine Hepburn, Nicole Kidman, Marlon Brando, Tom Cruise, Marlene Dietrich). 7:30 p.m., \$35 preferred seating, \$22 advance tickets, \$25 tickets at the door, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; box office 978-837-5355 or [www.merrimack.edu/rogers](http://www.merrimack.edu/rogers).

**34th Annual Antiques & Col-**

**lectibles Show**, 30 dealers, appraisals Friday only (\$5 per item, 3 for \$10), church-prepared menu. 5-9 p.m., \$6, \$5 with announcement clipping. First Parish Congregational Church, One Church St., Wakefield (128 to exit 40 and follow signs); 781-245-1539, or [fh5mh5@aol.com](mailto:fh5mh5@aol.com).

**The Sound of Music**, 8 p.m., see March 12 entr.

## Saturday, March 19

**Andover storyteller**, Magdalen Cantwell will invite the audience to join in Irish stories, songs, and games. 1 p.m., \$10, children \$5, Jimmy Tingle's Off Broadway Theater, 255 Elm St. Davis Square, Somerville; tickets at 617-591-1616, information at 978-470-1885 or [www.jtoffbroadway.com](http://www.jtoffbroadway.com).

**Folk Artists**, John Gorka, hailed by *Rolling Stone* as the "premier male singer-songwriter of the New Folk Movement," performs with virtuoso harp player Dee Carstensen. 8 p.m., \$15 advance tickets, \$12 tickets at the door, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; box office 978-837-5355 or on-line at [www.merrimack.edu/rogers](http://www.merrimack.edu/rogers).

John Gorka



**Dee Carstensen** at [www.merrimack.edu/rogers](http://www.merrimack.edu/rogers).

**Synchronized Swim Team Show**, New England's number one synchronized swim team performs "The Future - In Our Hands." Andover/North Andover YMCA. 6 p.m., tickets at the door, \$10 adults, \$6 students, seniors, children, 165

Haverhill St.; Linda 978-474-0646.

**Merrimack Valley People for Peace**, vigil marking two years of war on Iraq, to mourn the lives lost in the war, and to advance the imperative for peace, 10 a.m.-noon, in front of Old Town Hall, Mary Todd 978-687-7864.

**Wine tasting and art show**, co-sponsored by the Andover Artists

Guild and Shawshoan Village, Liquors of Andover to benefit the preservation and expansion of the fifth meeting house of the North Parish of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4-6:30 p.m., \$12 for tickets purchased in advance at the church or at Shawshoan Village Liquors; \$15 ticket at the door include the wine tasting, the hors

d'oeuvre and music. North Andover Unitarian Universalist Church, 126 Andover Road, North Andover; tickets at 978-475-9849.

**Folk singer Garnet Rogers**, a solo and duo performer, singer, Rogers also an author of a book who reports that

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attendees bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the hungry. 8 p.m., doors open 7:30 p.m., \$15, refreshments for sale. New Moon Coffeehouse, Haverhill Universalist Unitarian Church, 16 Ashland St., Haverhill: 978-373-9259 or www.newmooncoffeehouse.org.

**Miss Nelson Is Missing**, based on the books about a teacher who plots to let her students experience a mean substitute teacher, and featuring 12 young performers from North Shore communities, including Andover resident Tina Leber, performed by the North Shore Music Theatre's award-winning Youth Performance Academy, 11 a.m., tickets \$10, group rates for 10 or more; box office 978-232-7200 or www.nsmt.org.

**African Drums benefit refugees**, Internationally known Jordan Benissan of the Ewe people of West Africa, a music professor at Colby College, performs with his troupe of African drummers at the annual fundraising dinner held to benefit the Refugee Immigration Ministry (RIM) of Malden, which supports newly arrived refugees and asylum-seekers with volunteers from over 80 congregations in the Boston area until they can become self-sufficient, 6-9 p.m., \$25, \$10 for children 6-12 years of age, Emerson Center, Topsfield Congregational Church, 9 East Common St., Topsfield; (advance ticket purchase recommended) 978-887-2101 or www.r-i-m.net.

**First gallery showing**, exhibition of David Sebastian, first participant in the new Studio Residency program of Evos Arts, his work described as "large-scale narrative paintings that incorporate text and characters," 7 p.m.-midnight, free, Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell, www.evosarts.com

**Antiques show**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., see March 18 entry.

**The Sound of Music**, 8 p.m., see March 12 entry.

**Sunday, March 20**

**Palm Sunday concert**, the Rev. Andre Patenaude ("Father Pat") from LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro, will perform a concert "At the Foot of the Cross," to raise funds for his ministry of missions, retreats, healing services, and concerts throughout New England, refreshments, 2-5 p.m., \$15, Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St.; Fran 978-851-2186.

**Come to the Cabaret**, Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra presents a cabaret performance of light classics and songs from America's Songbook, with soprano Allison Williams Chapman, pianist Carol Dehne, and strolling violinist Alison Yankowskas, to raise funds for the support of the orchestra, 2-4:30 p.m., \$35 includes the hors d'oeuvre, cash bar, Haverhill Country Club, 58 Brickett Lane, Haverhill: 978-685-3505 or www.mvpmusic.org.

**Piano recital**, Eleanor Perrone welcomes spring with a solo piano recital that will include Schubert's *Sonata in B flat Major*, 3 p.m., \$8 advance tickets, \$10 tickets at the door, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; box office 978-837-5355 or www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

**Synchronized swimming show**, 2 and 5:30 p.m., see March 19 entry.



Allison Williams Chapman

**Ongoing Art Exhibitions**

**Addison Gallery of American Art**, *Eye on the Collection: Copley to Hopper*. Selections from the Addison's extensive permanent collection including more than 40 landscapes, cityscapes, still-lives and portraits that span 200 years of the richness and complexity of American art, through July 31; *Girls' Night Out*, Photography and video by 10 international and intergenerational female artists exploring themes such as the passage from girlhood to womanhood, and notions of beauty and female identity, through April 3; Gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., free admission, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

**Alpers Fine Art of Andover**, gallery hours Tuesday, 2-6 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013 or www.alpersfineart.com.

**Art at Boxford Village Library**, on display through April 2, the rich, warm watercolors of Janet Hamlin, largely consisting of home and business portraits, Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday, 10-6 p.m., Saturday, 10-3 p.m.; 978-887-READ.

**Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology**, *Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody*, displays ethnographic objects from museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

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# Lorica celebrates special places

Gallery features exhibition of new artwork from Ireland

Lorica Artworks new show, "Quiet Places," opens with a reception tomorrow, Friday, March 11, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The featured paintings in this group show are portraits of places of solitude, where one can escape to restore inner order, balance and harmony.

There's no lack of inspiration for these artists who call Ireland home and for countless others who visit the country expressly to paint. "Quiet Places" is a collection of contemporary paintings, in realist and impressionist styles, highlighting the regions of Ireland and their intrinsic beauty.

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"Running with the Ball," by Vivienne St. Clair, oil on wood, 8 x 10 inches.

styled interiors and coastal landscapes - these artists create a meditative space to contem-

plate and a notion that, often it is the more tranquil moments that renew one's sense of wonder.

Lorica Artworks is a gallery specializing in original fine art from Ireland and America, located at 90 Main St. in downtown Andover.

Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday noon to 4 p.m., as well as by appointment. There is handicap access and all are welcome. For further information, call 978-470-1829.

"Quiet Places," is sponsored in part by the Irish Foundation, a charitable organization, founded for the furtherance of Irish culture and heritage.

raphy, Main Gallery: winning photographs from the 11th annual Griffin Museum Juried Show, through May 15; Emerging Artist Gallery: photographs by Julie Melton and Rachel Papo, through May 15; Tuesday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m., \$5 admission, \$2 seniors, members and children under 12 free, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

**Brush Art Gallery**, "The Winner's Circle" is an exhibition of work produced by artists who have been awarded first, second, and third prizes in the Brush Art Gallery and Studio Members' Juried Exhibition; featured through March 13 are first-prize winner Robert Pyle, second-prize winner Claire Gagnon, and

third-prize winner Eugene Monosson; free admission, 256 Market St., Lowell; Eileen Byrne 978-459-7819, www.thebrush.org.

**Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School**, gallery hours Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

**Whistler House Museum of Art**, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

**Churchill Gallery**, an exhibition of landscapes by award-winning artists Robert Scott Jackson and Dennis Sheehan, gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m., 6 Inn St.,

Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

**Essex Art Center**, gallery hours Monday, 3-7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., galleries are free and open to the public; Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; Cathy McLaurin 978-685-2343 or www.essexartcenter.com.

**McCoy Gallery**, Merrimack College, hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., free admission; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

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**Memorial Hall Library**, Andover

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David Cugnasca

**McQuade Gallery**, located in the McQuade Library at Merrimack College, gallery hours same as library hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-midnight, Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-midnight, call to confirm hours, free admission; 978-837-5000.

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## Poets' contest

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the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; 978-623-8321.

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**Walsingham Gallery**, works by artists J.C. Airola, Robert Douglas Hunter, Jean Lightman, Elizabeth M. Leary, John Daniel Phillips, Frank Strazzulla Jr., and others; gallery hours Monday, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., closed Tuesdays, 47 Merrimack St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411 www.thewalsingham-gallery.com.

**Montserrat College of Art Gallery**, Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-noon, and by appointment, Carol Schlosberg Alumni Gallery, 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242, Ext. 1319.

**Evos Arts Gallery**, free, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, www.evovarts.com.

**Flint Memorial Library**, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942, www.flintmemoriallibrary.org.

## Performing in concert at Crossroads Coffeehouse this Saturday, March 12



The singers in BLES are (clockwise, from top left): Leslie Willey, Gabrielle Traub, Susannah Poland, and Becky Christoforo. BLES began two years ago with four students from the D'Onofrio Music Studio in Andover with the intent of offering advanced-level training in close-harmony part singing and varied performance opportunities. Their extensive repertoire includes a cappella arrangements of popular tunes (such as Alicia Keyes' "Fallin'" and Belinda Carlisle's "Heaven is a Place on Earth"), accompanied choral arrangements ("Somewhere Over the Rainbow"), musical theater selections (such as their "Rent Medley"), a "1940s Medley" choreographed and performed like the Andrews Sisters, and a set of Christmas carols and holiday selections. This semester, they are learning a trio of '60s numbers arranged in "girl group" fashion.



Crossroads Coffeehouse welcomes back the cooler-than-cool a capella group, Duwende, this Saturday, March 12. No backing tracks, no drum machines, no instruments to hide behind. Duwende (Doo-WEN-day) is six voices, six singers, six humans on a stage with nothing between them and the audience but a bank of monitors and some wireless microphones. Ed, Ari, Geoff, Jason, Morgan and Abbey are no glee club or barbershop chorus. They wait, they scream, they sweat and they captivate. They dispose of the fluff, stripping rock music down to its most essential elements and building it back up again, using nothing but lung power and soul, according to organizers. "The result is thrilling, refreshingly honest funk/pop unlike anything that's been seen or heard in quite some time," they said. Duwende's music has received critical acclaim in print publications and online. In 2002, they were selected out of 1,200 bands as one of the "Top Six Indie Acts in the Northeast" by the editors of *Billboard Magazine*. The Andover all-girl group BLES will be the opening act at Crossroads Coffeehouse's March 12 concert. The four Andover High School girls are active in the community as a group and individually, performing at high school musicals, church productions, etc. BLES has contributed the group's performances to various fundraisers, the most recent being the proposed youth center's Raise the Roof telethon, and the recent tsunami relief benefit at North Parish Church. Crossroads Coffeehouse is located at North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover. Doors open at 7:15, the concert starts at 8, and tickets are \$14. For information, call 978-687-3960 (978-687-7948 evening of the concert) or visit www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org.

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## Performing with a giant

### ■ GENERATIONAL SWITCH

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younger faces at concerts," confirms Rush. "Parents often bring their kids to shows so that they can experience a wider range of music. But it's funny, in the past few months parents will come up to me and say, 'My kids dragged me to this show.' It's an interesting switch."

In recent years, Rush has taken his CLUB 47 concerts to national venues both large and small, sharing the stage with a number of heavy hitters, such as Bo Diddley, Joan Baez and Emmylou Harris.

Playing with a variety of eclectic musicians, and energetic newcomers like Andover's talented teens, satisfies Rush's voracious musical appetite.

While Rush could very well spend his time performing sold-out reunion tours, the 30-year veteran of folk- and blues-style music says he would rather not spend the present day rewinding the clock.

"Playing with new talent keeps the show out of the nostalgia bin," says Rush. "Otherwise it would be another '60s folk show and I hate that."

Rush however, has no shortage of ideas when it comes to creating his own new music, and finding his older tunes resurfacing in modern pop rock songs.

U2's latest album, *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb*, features a version of Rush's *No Regrets* following their single *Sometimes You Can't Make It on Your Own*.

Rush says the music business has gone through many changes since his days of jockeying records on his

Harvard radio show, and some are for the better.

"The Internet has opened up a whole new way to bring audiences together with musicians," Rush explains. "It was not very long ago that if you didn't have a record contract, you didn't exist. Now, anyone can have some shelf space in this great cyber record store and everybody can have access to it. It's a marvelous invention that the industry can't control."

Rush's own Web site, [www.TomRush.com](http://www.TomRush.com), allows access to the musician's newest recordings, including a single that he wrote for his wife on Valentine's Day.

Mostly, the New England native, whom Andover High School students describe as completely "down-to-earth," is just happy to be doing what he loves best - sharing music.

"This whole concert is about getting together and sharing music," Rush says. "The kids bring a whole different feel to the music. We don't know how many of them will be professionals years from now, but the point is they're having fun with it right now."

► **Simple Sam will open for Rush at 7:30 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, 315 Turnpike Street, North Andover. Tickets are \$28 in advance, \$30 at the door, and \$14 for students, and may be purchased at the box office, 978-837-5355, Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by visiting [TomRush.com](http://TomRush.com). A portion of the proceeds will go towards the purchase of a Yamaha Clavinova Digital Piano for the AHS music department.**



Koren Betty rehearses for Saturday's concert with Tom Rush at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### ■ GREEN DINNER

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sprouts intact and cut the larger ones in half.

2. Toss the sprouts with a little olive oil, kosher salt and freshly ground pepper. Spread in a single layer onto a cookie sheet or roasting pan. Roast at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the edges begin to brown.

Rather than tossing in olive oil, another option is to spray the Brussels sprouts with some Pam. This method reduces the overall fat and calories,

but lessens the caramelization. The sprouts taste great either way.

### GREEN PEA MASHED POTATOES

Makes four large portions or eight small portions

- 4 Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
- 1 clove garlic, whole
- 1 10-ounce box frozen sweet peas
- About 1/3-cup milk, heated slightly (I use skim or 1-percent milk, since that's what we

have in the refrigerator)

- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

1. Place the potatoes and garlic clove into a pot of salted water. Bring to a boil on high heat and cook for about 20 minutes or until the potatoes are velvety soft. Drain well.

2. While the potatoes are cooking, zap the frozen peas in the microwave according to the package directions. Of course, if you prefer to boil them on the stove, that's OK. Drain well.

3. Place the peas,

potatoes and garlic in a food processor. Turn it on and slowly add the milk. The amount of milk needed will depend on the size of the potatoes, so you might need less milk but you might require more. Pulse a few more times after adding some kosher salt and pepper.

Potatoes and peas are high in starch and carbohydrates, but a small serving is a good compromise.

### TO SERVE:

I like spreading a base

of sweet-pea mashed potatoes all over the bottom of the plate and then placing 2 pinwheels of stuffed flank steak on the left and some roasted Brussels sprouts on the right. Sprinkle a little minced flat leaf parsley over the edges of the plate for an extra green element.

► **The next FOOD FOR THOUGHT will appear on March 31, just in time for April Fool's Day. I'll be writing recipes guaranteed to fool and surprise taste buds and waistlines alike.**

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Mary and Al Baroni



# Business

## BRIEFS

### New chairman for Andover's Professional Center for kids

Preston "Pete" Hall has been elected chairman of the board of the Professional Center for Child Development, replacing the outgoing chairwoman, Louise Borke.

"We are delighted to have Pete as our new board chair," said Veryl Anderson, executive director. "This is a very important time for us. Not only are we expanding our programs, we are also in the earliest stages of construction for a new addition to our existing building in Andover."



Preston "Pete" Hall

Hall has been active in guiding the growth and development of the Professional Center for Child Development, on Osgood Street, for a number of years. He was on the board from 1993-2000, and then rejoined the board in 2003. "Our staff and the number of children we serve have increased over the past few years, and we realized that we need more space for the types of programs we are offering," Hall explained. "We are now in the process of working with the town of Andover along with the state for all the necessary approvals. Everyone has been extremely supportive of our plans."

"The Center is a tremendous asset for families in Lawrence, Haverhill, and the surrounding towns on the North Shore and Southern New Hampshire. Although The Center serves children of all abilities, it has more than 30 years of experience providing coordinated medical, therapeutic, educational, and social services to children with disabilities and their families. Over the last couple of years, the Center has added pediatric therapy to its existing speech, physical, occupational, music, art, and pet therapy programs."

Hall has worked with PCCD on both a professional and personal level. His son, Preston Hall III, was in the Center's Early Intervention Program at age 2, where he received speech and occupational therapy. At 2, he transitioned into a pre-school program in North Andover and is now in fourth grade. "He made significant progress in his speech and fine motor skills while he was in the Early Intervention Program. The expertise of the staff plus their compassion and understanding make the Center one of the greatest resources in the area," Hall said.

Hall lives with his wife, Dawn, and their children, Michelle, Preston, and Eric, in North Andover.

### Hallmark crowns Murrays

Andover residents Bill and Lynda Murray, owners of Murray's Hallmark and Ashley's Hallmark Gold Crown Stores will receive a top award at the Hallmark Gold Crown Retail Excellence Award ceremony in San Diego, Calif. The Murrays own Hallmark Gold Crown stores in Amesbury, Burlington, Peabody and Plaistow, NH.

As a Hallmark Gold Crown Retail Excellence Award winner, they receive an all-expense paid trip to Hotel del Coronado in San Diego, from April 17-20. The trip includes roundtrip airfare, accommodations, meals, entertainment and leisure activities. "I am excited to receive this award," said Lynda Murray. "My staff and I have worked hard to achieve these retail excellence goals. It feels great for Hallmark to recognize our accomplishments."

"The Murrays raise the bar on the level of excellence within the Hallmark Gold Crown network," said Mike Thomas, director of retail operations, in a release. "As a top 200 store owner, they are a leader in the Hallmark Gold Crown network and we applaud the hard-work, dedication and achievement it took to achieve this significant accomplishment." Two hundred Hallmark Gold Crown storeowners, the top 10 percent, win this award, according to a company release.

### Agents attain 'Gold'

Local Prudential sales professionals have been named to Prudential Real Estate Affiliates Inc.'s Chairman's Circle-Gold list for 2004. The award recognizes residential sales professionals who sold between \$260,000 and \$534,999 in closed residential Gross Commission Income, or closed more than 70 residential units for the year. The Chairman's Circle represents the top 4 percent of Prudential agents nationwide.

Chairman's Circle-Gold award winners include the following agents of Prudential Howe & Doherty Realtors in Andover: Kathy Cyrier, Sue Papalia, Deborah Lucci Perrone, Amy Sebell, Peggy Patenaude, Elke Kappeler, Sheryl Doherty, and Mary Gilmartin.

Prudential Howe & Doherty Realtors' Top Performer for 2004, Kathy Cyrier, was also honored during the company's annual awards dinner. She has more than 20 years of real estate experience, and has been one of Prudential Howe & Doherty Realtors' top five performers for every quarter of 2004. She has also been recognized with the Chairman's Circle award for the past three years.



Brian McNally, physical education coordinator and co-athletic director, and Mary Moran, Andover High School nurse, show off a lifesaving defibrillator at Andover High school. The item, and others like it, are gifts from Philips Medical Systems, an Andover company. Philips is one of several local companies that helps Andover provide more for its residents than it otherwise would.

## Charity begins at home

Andover businesses, workers find many ways to give back to their community

By Judith Bright

Sure, businesses pay their share of taxes in Andover. But many commercial and industrial businesses find dozens of additional – and voluntary – ways to improve Andover.

Nearly every public town interest can point to ways in which the small-business and large-business community has contributed to assistance offered by residents.

Andover Council on Aging Director Kathy Urquhart says seniors enjoy holiday entertainment when Agilent sends its chorus of employees to perform at the senior center.

"Real estate agents give their time, too," Urquhart says, "providing medical transportation for seniors through a COA program that matches the drivers' schedules with the seniors' appointments."

"And the seniors themselves never stop giving back," she says, "operating the well-known fix-it shops, bringing 'friendly visitors' to homebound people, and mentoring children through intergenerational group activities."

Resident Diane Hender, past president of the Andover Society and current president of the Andover Historical Society, credits members of the Andover Business Center Association (an outgrowth of the former Andover Center Association) with donating.

"Most downtown businesses are members of the ABCA. They help make the downtown a vibrant center as well as giving something back," says Hender.

The ABCA organized Andover Day when the annual Bazaar Days fizzled a year ago. The Dollars for Scholars Walkathon and the seasonal Santa Parade, including donations of film and expertise to make "Pictures with Santa" an effective fundraiser, also succeeded because of help from the downtown business community.

"One outstanding program is the annual spring shoe sale at

Daher's shoes," says Hender. A selected charity is allowed to keep the proceeds of the store's one-day preview sale each year.

Perhaps the biggest contribution of the downtown businesses, is their continuous response to the many solicitations they receive, said Hender.

"There must be 100 non-profits in town," she explains, "from school sports to scouts, who solicit donations. Probably half of these approach businesses downtown for all manner of needs: auction and raffle items to help them raise money, posters in their windows, cash gifts, and volunteers."

Just as there are many givers, so there are many ways of giving, and the town has experienced a variety of donated gifts and projects.

#### Major gift: defibrillators

Philips Medical Systems, a corporate neighbor, has given the town important medical devices it manufactures: portable defibrillators.

According to police Sgt. John

Pathiakakis, all the defibrillators at town schools were donated by Philips Medical. Valued at \$2,000 each, the lifesaving devices are located in each elementary school and in the middle schools, with two in the high school.

Pathiakakis says Philips Medical provided all the training for each of the units as well, saving the town an additional expense.

Kathy Rogers, who manages Philips' corporate giving programs, points out that the gift of defibrillators is just one in a long list of additional gifts to Andover, including:

- \$2,500 to High Plain Elementary School for a beach ecology and meteorology program.

- "Youth Explorations in Science," a biweekly series of 15 hands-on experiments, brought to the schools by Philips employees.

- \$2,000 in support of a program of the Professional Center for Child Development on Osgood St., which works with medically fragile and disabled children.

- \$750 to \$1,000 for the

Andover Youth Foundation.

- Facility-wide participation in the American Heart Association walk.

"Although participation in the walk is employee-initiated, Philips provides three to four buses to take people in to the walk in Boston. When they get back, the company holds a barbecue for all the employees and family members who participate – usually between 400 and 600 in all. Employees raise about \$100,000 this way," says Rogers.

- \$3,000 to the Andover Service Club. "Plus," adds Rogers, "many employees join as private citizens and are active members of the Service Club."

"The company allows workers to take an hour a week, up to four hours per month, to participate in volunteerism of their choice on company time."

#### Project: In for the long haul

Another biopharmaceutical company has been contributing to the science curriculum of the town for more than a decade. Each spring, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals has offered "Bacteria Around You" to a select group of some 30 students.

The six-week curriculum is offered in the early morning before classes begin, and attracts top students, including some chosen from Lawrence schools. Participants encounter scientists from Wyeth's labs, who volunteer time to assist students in hands-on science: smearing slides, spooling DNA.

Wyeth workers bring an entire lab with them, including lab jackets and goggles, and a slew of brightfield microscopes.

Wyeth participates in the mentoring program sponsored by the Andover Service Club, and annually names a graduating senior with an outstanding record in the life sciences winner of the "Wyeth Prize," which includes a paid summer internship at the Wyeth plant.

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### Working elsewhere, giving here

A less recognized but very visible feature of corporate giving consists of the many efforts contributed by Andover residents whose businesses or employers are not inside the town limits.

Some employers have a program to help encourage donations to educational institutions. Hewlett-Packard does, so Sally Fabian of Chestnut Street, signed up to donate 10 network printers, two All-In-One printer/scanner/copier/fax machines, eight scientific calculators and a digital camera to the Andover public schools.

In the program offered by Hewlett-Packard, the employee pays 25 percent of retail and HP donates 75 percent. Since the gift is tax deductible, it is a benefit to

the employee, the parent company, and the school receiving the products.

Fabian encourages residents to check with their respective companies for a similar program. If the possibility exists for appropriate items or services to be donated to the school system, Fabian is willing to help coordinate matching the need to the donation. E-mail her at: sallyfabian@comcast.net for more information.

Many residents go to their employers and ask for their help to provide what the town needs. During the past two years, Coca Cola sponsored the participation of four families in an initiative called "the laptop classroom,"

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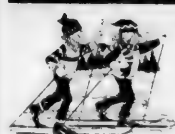
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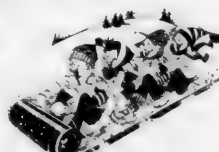
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# Businesses give nature labs, scholarships

## BUSINESS GIVING

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### Project: Nature lab

Sometimes a project just brings out the best in everyone. The conversion of an asphalt courtyard into a natural learning space at West Elementary School last October was one of those, says assistant principal Liz Roos.

Once the parents and teachers decided to create a nature laboratory in the enclosed space, Laurie Buck Bennett, parent coordinator, began by soliciting Tom Busta of Dana Landscaping, who, says Bennett, "just took off with the project, donating time, labor, materials, giving us an entire pond."

Something about this project appealed to many other groups too, says Bennett. "We had a fundraiser to get the asphalt removed from the yard by Green Ridge Landscapers. They ultimately donated the paving stones," she says. "Columbo Yogurt workers volunteered their labor. Rogers Spring Hill Garden Center was first to donate the bird bath; then they ran a registry for anyone who wanted to donate to the project. Shady Hill Landscaping gave both time and resources." In all, more than 10 businesses donated materials, cash or volunteers.

No one is more anxious for spring to come than the school's students who have \$500 to purchase fish that will live in the pond and have a turtle they can barely wait to install in its new home. One first-grade class has a guppy science unit it will launch as soon as the weather permits.

### Major project, many hands

One project now underway due to the help of many businesses and professionals, is the

reconstruction of the concession stand at Lovely Field by the Friends of Andover High School Football.

Dan Harrington, president of the football and gymnastics boosters, operates the concession stand at the field, and started the group with two others. A supporter of school sports, he says the project is "all for the children of Andover."

Still in its planning stage, the project has already had several in-town businesses step up, including Bill Perkins of Hearstone Realty, Dan Hayes of the law firm Morris, Rossi & Hayes, and Dave Deloury of Deloury Construction.

Other donors, including a mechanical contractor, project supervisor, architect, and those with expertise in roofing, landscaping, engineering, and the electrical, financial and legal fields have offered help.

"In fact," said Harrington, "the only expenditure by the Friends of AHS Football to date is \$500, for tax filing."

Of course, most efforts such as this are public/private partnerships. The School Committee and Joe Piantedosi, director of the town's Plant & Facilities Department have been instrumental, says Harrington.

### It all adds up

The number of businesses that give to Andover is too many to mention in one article. Some, such as MKS Instruments, continue to give a scholarship after they move. MKS has also donated to the Santa Parade, public safety programs such as DARE and more regional efforts.

Wingate Nursing Home, part of Senior Residential Care Inc., privately owned by the Schuster family, provides the Elaine

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Schuster Scholarship annually to an employee seeking greater skills through training or college. The facility awards another scholarship to an area high school student planning a health-care career, usually one of their volunteers.

Professional staff at Wingate provide continuing education at their own site and at other residential sites such as Marland Place for health-care professionals, and at area hospitals on such healthcare topics as fad diets, for the general public.

They also participate in other local initiatives such as the holiday Adopt-a-Family program, and an annual tribute to seniors in the form of flowers for the trays prepared for Meals on Wheels.

### Do it together

Business people, especially small businesses, have limited resources to perform the kind of service to community many want. For many the answer is a business service group, and in Andover the choices are many, including the aforementioned Service Club.

The Andona Society, made up of 100 women, many women in business, was formed in 1952. Originally focused on senior citizens, now more attuned to education and youth programs, Andona provides five \$2,000 scholarships and five camper-ships for middle-schoolers. Andona raises funds for its scholarships from corporate

donations and local events.

Kiwanis Club has 60 members in Andover, North Andover, Lawrence and Methuen and supports the AHS Citizenship Award, Andover Fund for Education, Class Inc., the Greater Lawrence Academic Bowl, and the Yankee Clipper Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Rotary Club of Andover holds a luncheon at Wingate Nursing Home to build fellowship between residents and Rotarians; gives scholarships to Andover youth; provides scholarships to deserving adults trying to improve themselves with night school; and members serve as bell ringers for the Salvation Army outside Old Town Hall during the holiday season.

Rotarian Rebecca Tang of Imagine That! Florist cites plastic surgeons and other physicians who travel to Romania and South America to repair birth defects and injuries such as cleft lip-cleft palate.

Rotary members also maintain drop-off boxes, such as in Tang's shop, into which patrons can place non-perishables for Lazarus House in Lawrence.

There is a Rotary chapter in Andover High School, and Rotarians recognize other volunteers, "Citizens Who Care," each year at a reception at Memorial Hall Library.

For 10 years, Tang has also been a member of Quota International, which has a special interest in the hearing impaired and in helping disadvantaged women and children. Its Andover group holds walkathons and theater events to raise money for the "Oasis" program, which provides transitional housing for women and children escaping domestic violence.



Resident Sally Fabian (left) used a program at Hewlett Packard to help give computer equipment to Schools Director of Technology Ray Tode and the Andover schools.

## Working elsewhere

### OTHER GIFTS

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even though the nearest Coca Cola facility is located in Salem, N.H.

But the most valuable gift of all may be the donation of time and expertise. Dan Harrington, who is heading the Friends of AHS Football renovation of the Lovely Field concession (see related story, this page), works for an industrial firm well south of Andover, but helps out here.

Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski points to the "huge number of people that volunteer time and talent needed to run this town," especially on the many town

boards.

"Many," says Stapeczynski, "are renowned in their fields, for example attorney Don Cooper, the CPAs on the Finance Committee."

"Landscape architect Paul Finger ... all week long he represents private clients. Tuesday nights he crosses to the other side of the table and donates his considerable skills on behalf of the town."

Committee members, says Stapeczynski, have working knowledge of their areas and shares their professional experience.

"We could not operate the town without this help," he says.

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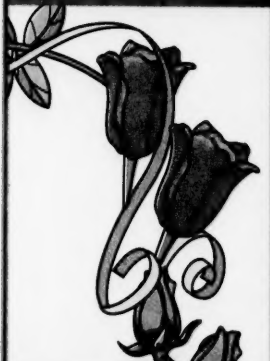
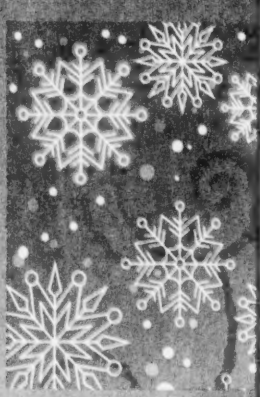
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